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Schedules, meeting time to change

BY KATELYN HEBERT
SENIOR REPORTER

A motion passed by the University Senate on Monday will increase the number of Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes offered but will possibly limit those classes to morning times.

According to the motion, the three hours for the common meeting time — currently Mondays and Fridays from 12:30-1:45 p.m. — must fall on Mondays between 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. and Fridays between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. The motion is unclear whether it can be both days or one day a week, but will not eliminate Monday-Wednesday classes entirely. The motion passed via a 25-12 vote.

The Provost will decide on the common meeting time implementation with input from the Student Government Association and the University Senate, according to Zach Mullins, SGA president.

“(The motion is) coming from the faculty who are trying to increase efficiency for the university and that’s the true motive behind it,” Mullins said. “It’s not that we want to just have Friday classes, and we’re doing it because we hate students, (but) because we’re trying to look at efficiency for the university.”

Ken McGill, chair of the Department of Chemistry, Physics, and Astronomy and a member of the Senate’s Classroom Utilization Committee, which drafted the motion, stressed if the common meeting time is set on Fridays, no classes would be scheduled during that same time slot.

The previous common meeting time policy was written in 1998 when GCSU had about 4,200 students. Before, the common meeting time was on Friday afternoon. Now that the university has about 6,500 students, scheduling classes has become more

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MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior forward Josh Hurst soars for a slam against West Georgia during the Bobcats’ win Nov. 21 that made them 2-0 on the season. The team has since added two more victories to it’s total, and has risen to No. 21 in the Division II national rankings. **Full story on page 18.**

Students leaving can hurt business

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

With GCSU students traveling home to their families during Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks, Milledgeville businesses are often affected by the loss of population. Many students that work at these businesses can attest to the changes that occur over the holiday season.

Emily Davidson, a senior literature major, has been an employee for Blackbird Coffee for four years and she can sense the change of pace that comes around this time each year.

“You can definitely say our morning regulars do not change because they are particularly working business people, but during the day, the usual pace gets much slower. A few employees will trickle from other businesses, but there is a noticeable difference,” Davidson said.

Davidson tends to look at the brighter side of what the holidays bring.

“The day after Christmas is always packed,” Davidson said. “The holidays are a great time to buy gift cards, since they are excellent stocking stuffers, so we continue to do well because of that.”

Other restaurants on Hancock Street are feeling a similar pull, like The Brick for example, which gains a lot of revenue from the usual flow of students.

“Income goes down a bit without the late-night crowd, but lunch and dinner stays pretty much the same. I know there is a slight difference, but

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ADP promotes civic engagement

BY RICH HALKYARD
STAFF WRITER

With loads on the average student’s plate, staying in the know can be quite difficult. Luckily for Georgia College, the American Democracy Project articulates issues the campus needs to know about.

The American Democracy Project, christened in 2003, was founded by the American Association of State Colleges and Universities. The ADP operated primarily around the principles of civic responsibility and knowledge. Naturally, the fervor for such duties cascaded onto the student body. As of 2007, the ADP has been a Registered Student Organization. Students taking part has certainly added popularity to the ADP and its cause.

“Over the past five years, the ADP has been involved in planning and implementing over 350 events with more than 20,000 audience participation hours,” Greg Kaufman, instructor and coordinator of ADP, said.

At the commencement of every semester, the ADP members gather to create the initiative for the next four months. A number of events took place this past semester, including forums on health care and the recent elections. This past year the ADP assisted, along with other GCSU departments, in the annual completion of the 2009 Baldwin County Georgia Voter’s Directory. This is crucial to students and locals of voting age to contribute their civic duty.

In addition to these events, the non-partisan ADP sets time aside on a weekly basis to facilitate Times Talk. This is a discussion-based weekly meeting that takes place between the ADP staff and stu

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Smoking ban passed by University Senate

BY MATT CHAMBERS
SENIOR REPORTER

The GCSU University Senate approved a campus-wide smoking ban in a majority vote this past Monday. The new ban prohibits smoking on campus except in designated smoking areas.

The smoking ban was a modified version of a proposal originally presented in the spring of 2009 by the University Senate’s Resource, Planning and Institutional Policy Committee (or RPIPC). The RPIPC developed a proposal due to a survey by the Student Government Association that found 60 percent of respondents would favor GCSU’s campus to be smoke-free.

“What we needed to do is respect the right of non-smokers,” said Doug Oetter, former chair of the RPIPC. “There are people on this campus that are adamantly opposed to having to breathe someone else’s smoke for health reasons.”

To prevent non-smokers from breathing smoke, the smoking ban creates 17 areas throughout campus for smokers to use. Smoking anywhere else on campus, except city-owned sidewalks, would be prohibited.

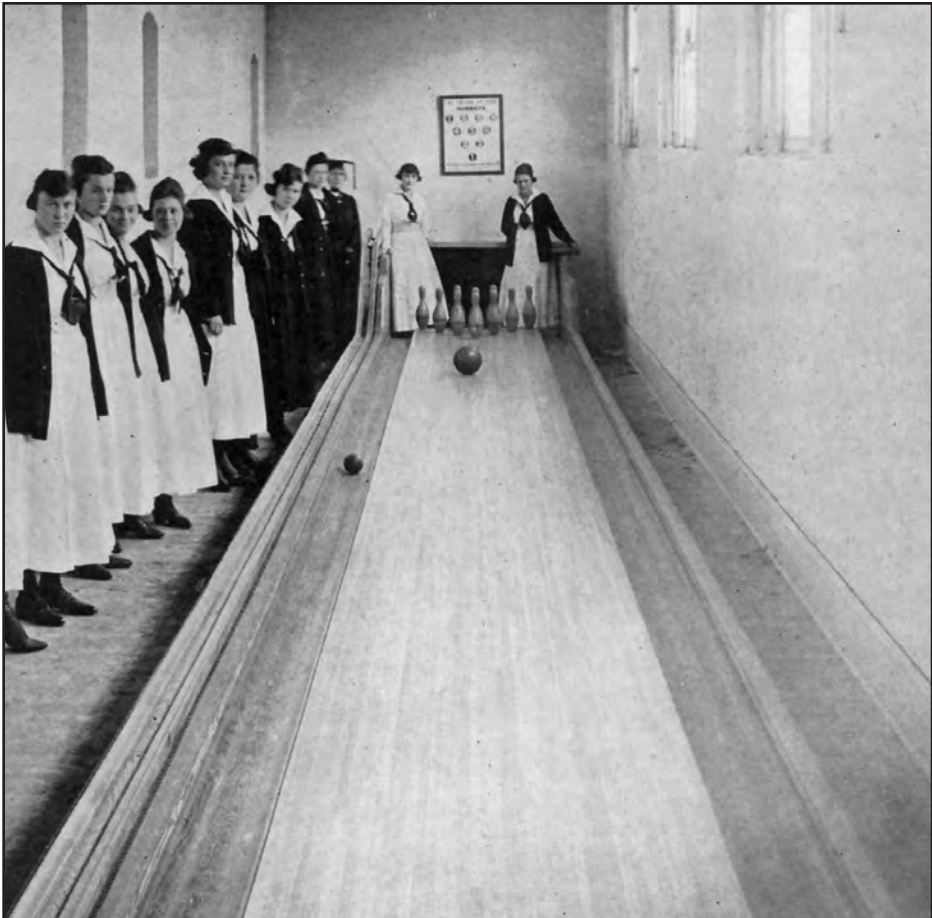
“Our major consideration was to respect the rights of smokers, who should

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“We really had people diametrically opposed on such extremes and we tried our best to find common ground and we think this is it.”

—Doug Oetter, former chair of the RPIPC

Flashback:



GCSU LIBRARY SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
GN&IC students are shown in the school's bowling alley in 1919. This one-lane alley is believed to have been located in Terrell Hall.

This month in Colonnade history:

Louis Untermeyer visits the Georgia Womens College campus. The renowned poet, critic, and anthologist dines with students and faculty.
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Dec. 2, 1965

In the winter of 1953, a sparrow flew into the second floor of Terrell Hall. The sparrow, named T.P.2, died the next day at noon "after a brief and sudden illness," according to The Colonnade article. Services were held that afternoon with scriptures and prayers. T.P.2 was buried in a casket lined with tissue paper at "Front Campus Cemetery" in a grave dug with a cake knife.
Vol. 31, No. 6
Dec. 8, 1953

Four privileges were given to the senior girls in the 1926 graduating class: They could wear their braid and gown. Senior sweatshirts were available for purchase and could be worn opposed to their daily uniform. Trips to town could be made in groups of two on Mondays and Wednesdays pending the girls leaving a card on file with their matron. The country store could be visited in groups of two pending the girls leaving a card of file.
Vol. 1, No. 6,
Dec. 1925

Issues of The Colonnade from 1925 to 1975 are now available on microfilm in the library.

Spuds save the day

Potato drop aids Milledgeville families

BY STEPHEN HUNDLEY
STAFF REPORTER

Russet potatoes and good will were afoot at West Campus the morning of Nov. 21, where hundreds of volunteers, comprised of not only GCSU students, but also members of the surrounding high schools, residential communities and even Girl Scout troops came out to help in this year's annual Potato Drop.

"It's very much a community event," said Tiffany Cannon, who has been with the GIVE Center at GCSU for over five years. GCSU's GIVE Center played a central role in the event, with RSA helping mainly through promotion, via their "Thundercup" campaign.

Put simply, the drop breaks down into a three-part system. The process begins with a fully loaded



AMANDA BODDY / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Volunteers made their way out to the Village at West Campus on Nov. 21 to help sort and load potatoes to be donated to needy families.

semi-truck of potatoes, the truck must then be unloaded — no easy task, but one that has been recently made a great deal more manageable.

"It's just in the past two years that the potatoes have come pre-bagged, as opposed to a dump truck full of potatoes, which had to be bagged. This is making

the unloading much faster and cleaner," Cannon said.

The potatoes are donated from a variety of sources, ranging from local farms to supermarkets.

Great tendrils of helping hands snaked out from the back of the semi-truck, ferrying tubers away from

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Sociology professor receives fellowship

BY DANIELLE PALUGA
STAFF WRITER

Dr. Robin Harris has been named a Governor's Teaching Fellow for the 2009-10 year. This is a prestigious honor with an application process that's very intense.

"You have to get so many letters of recommendation," Harris said.

Harris is an associate professor of sociology at GCSU. She teaches several classes including technology and society, technology and gender and historical sociology of women and technology and American culture. She is currently teaching two of those courses this semester. Harris has a doctorate degree in history, technology and society.

"I was interested in go-

ing to The Georgia Institute of Technology and when one of the professors told me about this new program I almost hung up the phone. My interest is in history, but he promised me it wasn't all about nuts and bolts," Harris said.

As a former student of GCSU the school is very near to her heart. She came to Milledgeville for her undergraduate degree as a non-traditional student.

"I remember my first day walking down the halls was a dream come true. My feet didn't touch the ground," Harris said.

She is currently writing a biography on one of the founders of the college, Julia Flisch, when it was a women's college. Flisch is the reason that Harris decided to become a professor, she said.



COURTESY OF TIM VACULA
Dr. Robin Harris was named a Governor's Teaching Fellow.

"I realized what a tremendous impact she had on her students and I knew that was what I wanted to do," Harris said.

As a professor her main goal is to help students adjust to academic life in college because it is so different than high school, she

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Charity boxing event to aid kids

BY RICH HALKYARD
STAFF WRITER

‘Twas the fight before Christmas and all through the gym, two left hooks are swung and an uppercut to the chin. Moves such as these can soon be seen as GCSU prepares for its third annual Santa’s Miracle Fund boxing tournament.

Founded three years ago, the event is a Santa’s Miracle Fund inspired charity event. The desire to get males on college campuses to participate drove the development of the event. GCSU’s 2007 and 2008 tournament raised thousands of dollars and hundreds of students attended. Santa’s Miracle Fund and the GCSU Registered Student Organization student volunteers are hoping for a three-peat Saturday.

“As the event nears, there are no real differences in comparison to last year’s tournament as of right now,” Director of the Santa’s Miracle Fund Blair Morton said.

This year, like the last, includes four divisions of competition. The divisions are as follows: welterweight, middleweight, light heavyweight and finally the heavyweight contests. As imagined, the mul-



From left, freshman Andy Watkins is shown doing pull-ups to prepare for a charity boxing match, junior Kyle Cemate lifts weights to build his strength and sophomore Joe Gilbo gets into shape by running on the treadmill.

titude of divisions and matches requires quite an amount of manpower in order to get the event up and off the ground.

“Fighters, trainers, ring girls, referees, MC’s and volunteers all make the event. Many of the fighters prepare for the event or have boxed in the past,” Morton said.

As fight night fast approaches, the concentration falls heavily on the preparation. This not only includes the volunteers, both student and local, but also the boxers themselves. Quite a bit of moxie is needed to step out into the ring in front of a crowd. How do these brave souls pre-

pare for their time in the limelight?

“My freshman year, I fought without doing much of anything and got beat up pretty badly. I should have done more that year,” junior Matt Nelson, a two-year

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Custodian enjoying his new line of work

BY CLAIRE DYKES
SENIOR REPORTER

Mini dreadlocks and a semi-toothed grin never looked so friendly.

Dangling on the lobe of his left ear hangs a lusterless silver hoop. His scent: a potion of Clorox, Windex and a hint of acetone, on the side.

Carl Hubbard, Sr., tends to all the custodial needs in Maxwell Student Union. He sweeps, swipes and Swiffers the halls from 3 p.m. until 11:15 p.m. with seven months of experience and a grin that never leaves his face.

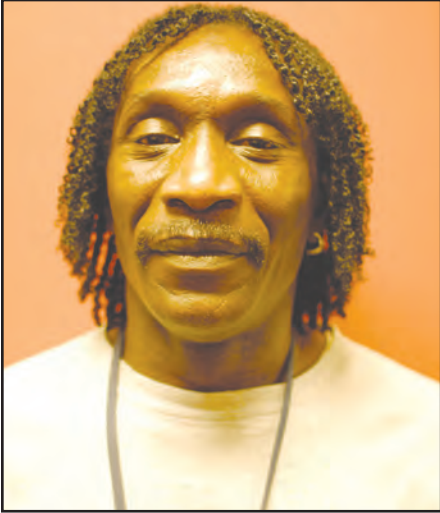
“I have a good time at this school,” Hubbard said. “I should have started working here years ago.”

His younger co-worker and self-proclaimed protégé, Joe Thomas, looks up to Hubbard with respectful, yet playful eyes.

“He’s a real cool guy,” Thomas said. “Down to earth and outgoing. He knows everyone in the building. He’s real respectful and outgoing. Everyone’s going to stop and speak to him. He’s real popular with the students.”

When Hubbard and his crew walk into work weekday afternoons, the first thing to check off the list is making sure no safety hazards are looming.

“We can’t have anybody getting hurt,” Hub-



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER Carl Hubbard, Sr. is a custodian who works mostly in the Maxwell Student Union.

bard said. “Like if there’s a spill or something. That’s what we got to get to first. You gotta get all that stuff out the way.”

Then Hubbard and his crew make their rounds, starting with the upstairs bathrooms outside the dinning hall and making their way downstairs to the post office and bookstore. The

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SGA ties up loose ends

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN
STAFF REPORTER.

This week marked the last meeting of Student Government Association Senate this semester. In an effort to reach out to the community, the meeting was held at Milledgeville City Hall and filmed live by GCTV.

The meeting opened as usual taking care of old business first. SGA discussed the Code of Elections for Senate members. Due to recent abnormalities in the past election, the Senate is moving to pass two resolutions that would separate the branches of SGA. The branches in SGA are the legislative, executive and judicial branches. Up until now, members of the Senate were allowed to be on different branches simultaneously. Separation of the branches would provide checks and balances in the power of the branches. A separation of the branches has not been addressed until now because many members believe it limits the opportunity for student leadership and that because GCSU senate caters to a smaller population, it does not have the same obligations that the structure of the national government

does.

The resolution would effect the upcoming elections for Mr. and Mrs. GCSU and the Senate elections. In the past, Senate members were allowed to run for election on one branch as well as sit on the judicial branch. The resolutions in process would limit this to each senator running for one office without bias. The resolution will be further discussed next year.

In other news, Sen. Evan Karanovich was announced as Senator of the Month for his increasing involvement this semester in Senate matters. Two senators resigned from their positions. Joel Graham will be taking an internship at the state Capitol this summer, and expressed his gratitude to the Senate. Freshman Ethan Holliman also resigned. The seats will be filled by appoint of SGA President Zach Mullins at a later date.

The Senate also announced the Hanging of the Greens on Front Campus from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday. Students are invited to watch as the garland being strung all week is lit in a festive display of school and holiday spirit.



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China through the eyes of a GCSU professor

Editor’s Note: Dr. Andrei Barkovskii is a GCSU assistant professor of Microbiology in the Department of Biological and Environmental sciences. In the following article, he shares his experience of participating in research exchange and delivering keynote speeches at the State Key Laboratory of Environmental Aquatic Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Shanghai, China.



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

BY DR. ANDREI BARKOVSKII
ASSISTANT PROFESSOR
OF MICROBIOLOGY

After coming back from China, I felt the surge to share my impression of the country with my students, colleagues, and friends. So, here it is.

I came to Shanghai on Nov. 8 upon invitation by the Chinese Academy of Sciences. This was my first visit to the country, and

there were three cities to see and a lot to do. I was invited to deliver keynote talks and chair sessions at international meetings in Ningbo and Beijing, China, and also to participate in research exchange at the State Key Laboratory of Environmental Aquatic Chemistry of the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

The Annual Meeting and International Symposium of the Committee of Microbial Ecology of the Chinese Academy of Science was held in Ningbo, a 2-million-person city in the south. Besides me, there were three other international professors for the job; Prof. Muyzer (Delft University of Technology, the Netherlands), Prof. Kamagata (Director of Research Institute of Genome-Based Biofactory, Japan), and Dr. Kimura (National Institute of Advanced

Industrial Science and Technology, Japan). My 35-minutes presentation described the origin and environmental fate of antibiotic resistance genes as affected by animal feeding operations, the study that our biology students and I have performed at GCSU with a grant support from the National Pork Board. The meeting ended up with a Microbial Ecology panel where the key note speakers shared their visions on the future of microbial ecology with a few hundred of students, researches, and state officials.

From Ningbo, the invitees flew to Beijing to participate in a research exchange at the State Key Laboratory of Environmental Aquatic Chemistry and to present their talks at the International Conference on Environmental Simulation and Pollution Control. The State



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Prof. Y. Kamagata of Japan, Prof. G. Muyzer of the Netherlands, Prof. Yu Zhang of China and Prof. A.L. Barkovskii with other speakers and Chinese students in Ningbo, China.

Key lab is a part of the Research Center for Eco-Environmental Sciences and is directed by Prof. Min Yang. On the way to the Center, we were forewarned with apologies that “the

place will likely look to small for you, just slightly above 1000 employees in four buildings”, the scale that impressed me. The lab itself employed more than

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From Pyramids to Projects event focuses on perceptions of black males

BY ERIN KEELER
STAFF WRITER

Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. presented From Pyramids to Projects on Nov. 18. The event was structured in a town hall format where both members of the audience and panelists openly discussed the perceptions of black males.

Marcus Green, president of Alpha Phi Alpha feels strongly about the meaning behind the program title.

“It is representative of the transition throughout history of African-Americans,” Green said. “We have gone from being pharaohs and kings living in Egypt to being impoverished and imprisoned in the



ERIN KEELER / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

From left, panelists Ira Foster, Joshua Braswell, Harrison Thacker, Dr. Stephanie McClure and Woodrow Blue are shown at the Nov. 18 event.

ghettos of and housing projects of America. Projects not only represent the place where some live, but also the state of

mind that is misperceived that comes with the ‘thug’ mentality.”

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Harris

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said.

“The big issue today is that all the students are very bright. Lots of the students did not have to work in high school, but they don’t realize they are the ones that need to step up because college is so different,” Harris said.

Being a part of the Governor’s Teaching Fellowship is helpful to her teaching, according to Harris. The organization’s Web site states that the program involves teachers from all over the state of Georgia getting together for seminars.

“There are so many different kinds of teachers that are brought together. People that teach physics and people who teach journalism, so you get a lot of exposure

to new ideas,” Harris said.

Speakers come to their monthly meetings and they discuss what is new in the teaching world. According to Harris, they have talked about several different topics including dilemmas and conflicts in the classroom.

“Sometimes the other teachers talk about new preps they use before going into the classroom. For me every time I go into the class it’s a new prep. Each class is a new creation,” Harris said.

Being a Governor’s Teaching Fellow is an honor for Harris. She has cultivated many new skills and is also able to share her experience with other professors. She really loves teaching, she said, and it’s something she has done since 1994.

“I’m really happy that I found something that comes so naturally to me so late in life,” Harris said.

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This past Tuesday was World AIDS Day. Begun in 1988, the day is about increasing awareness, fighting prejudice and improving education, and raising money to help in the battle against HIV/AIDS. There are approximately 33.4 million people living with HIV around the world. Approximately 2.1 million of these are children. In 2008, 2.7 million new cases were diagnosed. About half of the people who become infected with HIV do so before age 25 and are killed by AIDS before they are 35.

In the United State and estimated 1.1 million people live with the HIV infection. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates 56,300 new HIV infections occurred in 2006. In 2007, an estimated 14,110 people died of AIDS related causes.

The World AIDS Day theme for 2009 was Universal Access and Human Rights.

Valuable progress has been made around the world in increasing access to HIV and AIDS services, yet greater commitment is needed around the world if the goal of universal access is to be achieved. Millions of people continue to become infected each year. In low and middle income countries, less than one half of those in need of antiretroviral therapy receive it, and too many lack access to adequate care services.

The protection of human rights is fundamental to combating the global HIV and AIDS epidemic. Violations against human rights fuel the spread of HIV, putting marginalized groups, such as injecting drop users and sex workers, at a higher risk of HIV infection. By promoting individual human rights, new infections can be prevented and people who have HIV can live free from discrimination.

World AIDS Day provides an opportunity for all of us — individuals, communities and political leaders — to take action and ensure that human rights are protected and global targets for HIV/AIDS prevention, treatment and care are met.

In the United States, and on the GCSU campus, the greatest impediments to stopping this disease are apathy and ignorance. The ANGELS (AIDS Now Grasp Every Living Soul) Foundation and the campus student group, work throughout the year to increase HIV/AIDS awareness on the campus and throughout the community. In addition, we provide nutritional support for those living with HIV/AIDS in the Middle Georgia area.

Business

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a lot of people from town still come in on a weekly basis during the holidays,” Joe Sanders, a junior, who has worked at The Brick for four years, said.

Despite the low levels of change, The Brick has made adjustments in an effort to increase business.

“This restaurant has

started hosting bands on Wednesdays so that does bring in more customers. We have a lot of locals that come on those nights too,” Sanders said.

In other cases, with fast-food businesses closer to campus, the amount in sales dwindles to the point that if affects the employees themselves.

“We decrease our hours during Thanksgiving and during Christmas,” Michelle Dixon, a staff member of Chick-fil-A, said.

“The majority of the staff will get time off and the supervisor generally works during these times when most of us travel back home.”

Although Dixon is not able to work during the holiday season, she takes it in stride.

“I enjoy having a break. It’s nice to be off of work when the majority of the students go home.”

Fight

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participant in the tournament, said. “The next year, I met and practiced with some guys. I increased my cardio a little bit and practiced with a coach. I ended up doing much better my second year.”

Nelson, who competed in the light heavyweight division both years, found himself bloodied and bruised but, in the end experienced mostly enjoyment.

“The events were a blast,” Nelson said. “There is nothing like getting hit right in the face for the kids.”

Thus far, there are a number of confirmed boxers and volunteers but the organizers are still in need of volunteers. The SGA-sponsored event will be



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Sophomore Joe Gilbo prepares for the Fight Before Christmas.

selling tickets for \$5 each across campus through Saturday. The contests will be held once again in the GCSU Centennial Center. The bell will ring at 8 p.m. and matches will continue through the evening until 11 p.m.

Everyone who attends the Santa’s Miracle Fund tournament will be helping children, as all of the tournament’s proceeds will be directed to young children with disabilities.

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"This past semester, we were lucky enough to work with the Young Democrats as well as the College Republicans. Working with both gives us a more balanced pic-

Dr. Edward Hill, one of the brothers from Alpha Phi Alpha, led the town-hall discussion, to set the tone of the conversation he started with reference to one historic

"If I had to put our mission statement into my own words, it would be that the American Democracy Project is to help promote civic engage-

Ira Foster, alumni of Alpha Phi Alpha, has been able to see throughout his life the changes in the lives of blacks.

– *Ira Foster, Alumni of Alpha Phi Alpha*

The Alpha Phi Al-

On Dec. 14, the ADP and corresponding GCSU departments are convening to discuss what the American Democracy Project should tackle during the spring of 2010. According to ADP literature about future endeavors and a comment made by President Rachel Stephens the consensus is that the sky is the only limit for the American Democracy Project.

of our liberal arts curriculum.”

This was the first year for this program, but the fraternity is considering possibly planning another similar event in which other aspects of African-American life are examined. The fraternity hopes to increase attendance to these events because they believe it is important to increase awareness among races.

“If you violate the policy, like any policy, you’re going to be talked to by your professor, su-

“All the new incoming freshmen are going to be told this is

Other members worried about

“The majority was for (the ban), but the majority was not that significant of a majority,” Barkovskii said. “It wasn’t re-

Go to GCSUnade.com to see a map of designated on-campus smoking areas.

“We really had people diametrically opposed on such extremes and we tried our best to find common ground and we think this is it,” Oetter said. “We just hope for their cooperation.”

Make a note of it

“This holiday season Lockerly Hall will be decorated in a grand

Lockerly Arboretum is a private, nonprofit organization which provides ecological, horticultural and historical education through its botanical gardens and wide variety of natural

Music groups such as the GCSU String Quartet and Katy and Field Whipple and the Milledgeville Singers are just a few of the artists planning to make an appearance. The grounds of Lockerly will shine with lights as Christmas favorites play in the background of a Christmas event to remember.

Next, days were divided between more detailed consulting for particular groups and the conference. I worked with the group led by Prof. Yu Zhang whose research interests well matched my own. Together, we worked on developing new approaches to elucidate the mobility of unwanted genes in the environment, their detection and characteristics, and practical measures to limit their spreading through water and food chains. My presentation at this conference was also dedicated to the mobility of those unwanted genes in aquatic environments and to their bioaccumulation by oys-

Here is what impressed me the most in China. Science and education in China are on the rise. Availability of research funds has increased four folds during last few years. The quality of students' projects is up to very high standards, the students have all the state-of-the-art equipment in plenty, and they work at least 14 hours a day in their labs. Tuitions are insignificant, and only the scores (similar to our SAT and GPA) determine their education and following careers. Students are bright and eager to learn. They have high expectations of themselves, and are very scrupulous in their research. Their mentors and current research and administrative leaders, such as Prof. Min Yang, had made good careers abroad and have returned to China being provided

My visit to China coincided with the visit of President Barack Obama. Among other issues, he outlined a tighter scientific collaboration with China and suggested to increase the presence of American students in China's universities and laboratories. Talking about his visit with my Chinese partners and students, I was happy to hear that they share his vision and look forward for developing better cooperation and understanding between the United States and China. We have a lot to learn from each other.

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of a challenge, McGill said. The new policy is expected to ease these challenges. “There’s about 80 classes that are having scheduling conflicts that we can’t schedule right now and students are saying they want these classes, and they don’t want to take them in the evening,” Mullins said. The motion was a cause for contention at Monday’s meeting especially for faculty in the College of Business, including John Swinton, director of the Center for Economic Education. “I believe it would be an academic policy issue not a classroom utilization issue that should drive these decisions,” Swinton said. “Different disciplines have different pedagogical reasons to prefer different class schedules. The determination of classroom schedules should be left to college deans in consultation

with the program heads and faculty members.” Increasing the number of Monday, Wednesday and Friday classes was proposed to more efficiently use classroom space and encourage state Board of Regents funding. Currently, five Monday-Wednesday classes or seven Monday-Wednesday-Friday classes can be scheduled from 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. The new policy would allow up to six and nine, respectively. This does not account for the common meeting time. “The meeting time that we have right now is prime real estate in terms of class times,” McGill said. “Noon to 2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, is a very valuable time for classroom space.” Another concern voiced in opposition of the policy was that it may hinder student organization meeting times. “The present policy would unduly constrain the meeting times for student activities,” Swinton said. “It is my experience that some of the more active students partici-

pate in multiple programs and the limitation proposed could force some of our more active students to make difficult choices as to which student activities they would partake. This may have the undesired consequence of reducing overall student participation in campus groups.” A Facebook group opposing the motion boasted 1,392 members as of press time Wednesday and some students e-mailed university senators their opinions. McGill said he encourages all student responses, but he suggests that the SGA be utilized more in these cases. “SGA has been very active and a good advocate for the students here on campus, and I think (voicing opinions through SGA) would have been a better approach than the Facebook page,” McGill said. “I think some of the faculty were a little annoyed by the spamming. The spamming may have swayed votes the wrong way from the student’s perspective.”

Potato drop

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the vessel via four to six colossal assembly lines, which remained in constant motion. A DJ provided a medley of beats sure to get the starch moving. Once through this winding path of arms and smiles, the Solanum tuberosum (Russet potatoes) were deposited in marked parking spots by the 50 count, 500 pounds of potato flesh. This monumental task being done, it was time for the next stage of the drop. Trucks from all over the area arrived in droves to pick up a parking spots worth of potatoes. The trucks came on behalf of churches and charities in the tri-county area and the potatoes, from there, went directly to families in need all over Middle Georgia through these organizations. “I love volunteering,” said Kaitlyn Mullins, who along with numerous other GCSU students rose early to answer the call to benefaction. Mullins’ response was a common one amongst the masses, who seemed to be less concerned with the bitter cold or the warm beds they abandoned and more

so focused on the task and goal at hand. “I just look at it like this: What else do I have to do that would be a better use of my time? Why not use this time to help people instead of sleep?” said Merry Nelson, who was one of the many residential assistants who were required to come out and lend a hand. However, for whatever reasons the volunteers came out, the resulting shuffling of the russets was a resounding success due entirely to their benevolence. Amongst all of the motion, laughter and starch, which jetted seamlessly down the merry assembly lines, Kendall Stiles, director of the GIVE Center, could be found in a constant state of hustle and bustle. The director spent a busy morning cycling through all stages of the productions, lending experience earned, know-how and encouragement all around. The potato drop is one of GCSU’s most successful and beneficial outreach programs, and with such tremendous community reception, student input and spectacular management, it’s not hard to see why. A spud well moved.

Hubbard

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mopping, buffering and waxing the halls back to their cleanest of states. “We clean the little (silver) boxes (in the women’s bathroom). I don’t know the name of it, but we get all the trash outta everything,” Hubbard said. “That’s only in the women’s bathroom. Their bathroom is better than ours, way better than ours. (They) get all them big mirrors and stuff, the men’s bathroom is just straight in. “Toilets, mirrors, windows, mopping, trashcans — we clean it all,” Hubbard said. “If they mess up the floor real bad with heel marks, that can be a real problem there. If it’s real bad, you might have to put some wax down. The floors you have to pay close attention to. The windows are a whole different story

there.” After a couple hours of cleaning, Hubbard and his co-workers venture to Chick-fil-A for a much-anticipated break to join some of the neighboring buildings’ custodial crews. With five children — one at Georgia State University living in Buckhead — it makes sense that Hubbard wins over many of the GCSU and Early College students. “The Early College kids and those little bitty kids always want you to buy them something,” Hubbard said. “I tell them ‘I can’t buy you nothing now, you gotta go ask your teacher.’ If the teacher says it’s all right, then I’ll go buy them a soda or something like that. But they don’t forget though. Then I’m like ‘Oh boy, I started something.’” Army recruiters called after

Hubbard graduated from Baldwin County High School and with the service he traveled overseas as far as Germany. One spur of the moment relocation moved

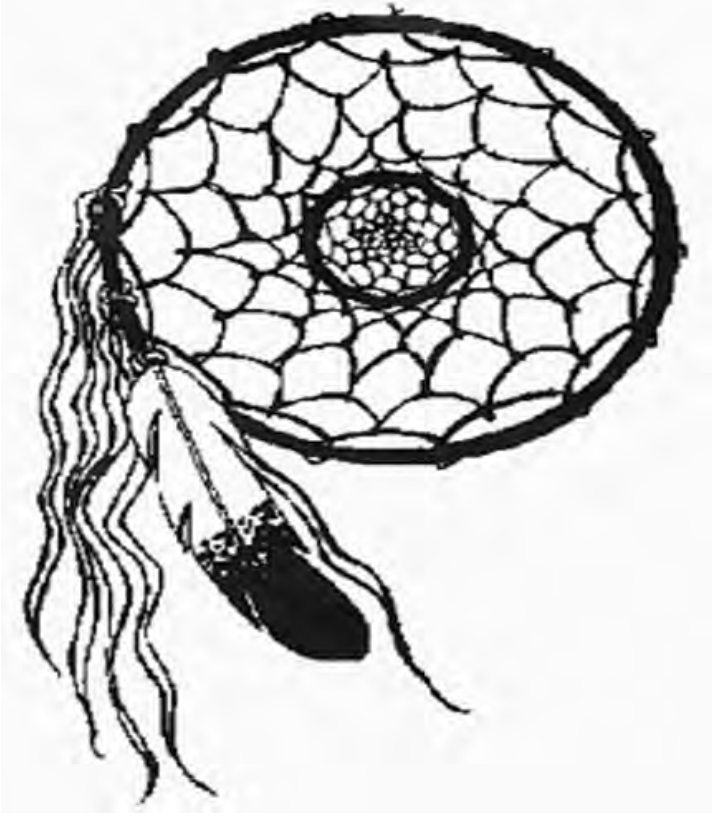
“He’s a real cool guy, down to earth and outgoing. He knows everyone in the building. He’s real respectful and outgoing. Everyone’s going to stop and speak to him. He’s real popular with the students.”

–Joe Thomas, Carl Hubbard’s co-worker

him to Alaska, which came with its benefits. “I learned how to ski off the little ramp. Well, they called it

a little ramp. That ain’t no little ramp,” Hubbard said. “I call the little ramp a big ramp and the big ramp a monster ramp.” Before Hubbard moved back to Milledgeville to work as a custodian, he “did some fixin’ on trains” at the Race Car railroad company where he specialized in welding. He returned to GCSU to escape the hazardous conditions in that industry. “It started getting a little dangerous, and a dude did get killed down there,” Hubbard said. “He got killed when I was in the process of coming up here. It was a little too dangerous for me. (Race Car) didn’t have it together the way it should have been. Seven months of custodial duties hasn’t dampened Hubbard’s spirits in the slightest, but he

hopes to travel in the near future. “I wanna get outta here in a couple of years. I can last a little bit longer, probably. Then I’ll start taking those trips I want to take. I wanna go overseas somewhere like England or someplace like that.” With Hubbard’s optimistic and friendly personality, it’s no surprise his favorite part of the job is the people he meets while he’s working. “Meeting all the different people, now, that’s the point right there,” Hubbard said. “There be groups all over and we be talking to all of them. Coming up, you might not get a chance to talk to people in certain groups, you know. But here you get a chance to talk to them, and they’re cool. They might look different, but they be cool when you get to talkin’ to them. That’s what we’ve found out. We have a good time doing that.”



*Humankind has not woven the web of life
We are but one thread within it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves.
All things are bound together.
All things connect.*

-Chief Seattle, 1854

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Our Voice

Separation of church and state should apply to Board of Regents, too

As journalists, our mission depends highly upon the laws of our nation. While we, first and foremost, rely on the First Amendment's free speech rights, it goes without saying that we follow — and expect others to follow — the rest of the laws laid out by our nation's former and current leaders, including the separation of church and state.

This idea that our country should not be governed under certain religious beliefs is what makes our nation able to cultivate such a rich culture among its people, and prosper thoughts of what may or may not be in store for us after death.

At a liberal arts college, we are one of the leading "cultivators."

Given this, the opening of a state Board of Regents meeting Nov. 17 came as a shock. It included a prayer.

The prayer did not include wording that would deem it Christian, Jewish, Muslim or any other religion, but nonetheless it was a prayer. The beliefs of agnostics, pagans, atheists and others were pushed to the wayside with this "all-encompassing" speech.

As a liberal arts college, we respect and encourage organizations such as Wesley, Hillel, Campus Catholics, Unorganized and all other groups formed to discuss religion or lack thereof. The problem: this prayer doesn't respect the "lack thereof."

The Board of Regents makes decisions regarding 35 schools, including four research universities, two regional universities, 13 state universities, seven state colleges and nine two-year colleges in Georgia. It's our hope that it will consider those of all faiths before indulging in a pre-meeting talk with God that could make some of the students affected by their decisions uncomfortable.

Understandably, this prayer is part of tradition that has been included in the start of meetings for decades, but it's time to break this tradition.

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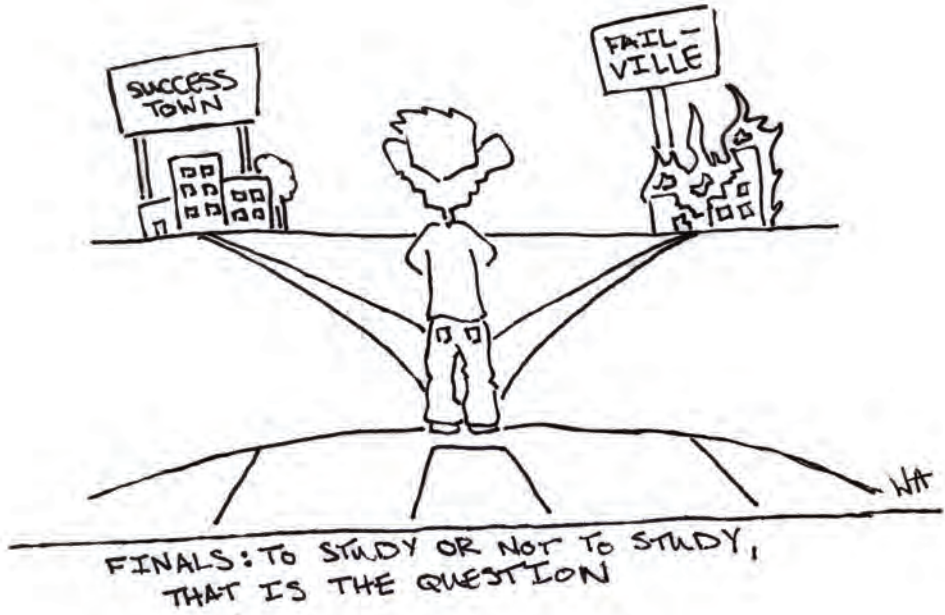
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SevenAteNine by WesAllen



Veteran columnist: Goodbye, GCSU

Recently my public relations campaigns professor asked the class to reflect over our time in the mass communication department. We were asked to offer suggestions to new public relations students about what we wish we knew in the beginning. This being my final column I cannot think of a better way to sign off.

Believe me, the time really does fly by and before you know it's over. I fondly remember my first day at GCSU and how nervous I was about how different it would be from Georgia Military College-Warner Robins. I thought this school was so big in comparison to my tiny junior college. I arrived late to class when I couldn't find Chappell Hall and I beat myself up for it. While I was here, I spent far too much time worrying and not enough time enjoying. Don't sweat the small stuff.

Another suggestion I have is the value of student involvement. We all have a niche whether we like to admit it or not. For me it is



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BRYANT

communication, event planning, writing and radio. Thankfully, my time here hasn't been spent as a benchwarmer. I am involved with WGUR 88.9 FM, our campus radio station as both a disc jockey and as the business manager. For the entire semester, I have been a columnist for The Colonnade. I was able to showcase my passions for both writing and politics in the same avenue. I highly recommend getting involved with any of the student medias on campus, as there's no better way to have a voice than these student-run outlets.

Take advantage of any opportunity is my next suggestion. Last semester, I received the honor as an inductee in Lambda Pi Eta, the communication honor society. The

biggest surprise however came when I was nominated and tapped into Omicron Delta Kappa, the national leadership honor society. I never thought I stood a chance at getting tapped, but I filled out the application anyway. And this semester I won second place in a national public relations campaign challenge with the CW Television Network.

Finally, I say when graduation comes, be glad. Be glad, that is, to have had the opportunity. Too few take advantage of a college education, even with student loans and the HOPE Scholarship available. I am blessed to have attended such a wonderful university and picked a rewarding major. I honestly feel prepared to enter the real world.

Whatever life has in store for you, I ask that you do it with pride. Remember your days as a GCSU Bobcat, and leave this campus and enter the real world with a bit of grace, but a lot of class.

Satire column: Jesus stole my birthday

Dear Santa,
How's it going up there at the North Pole? I'm sure the weather is fair and frost, and I can picture you sipping hot chocolate by the fire while you play Lil' Wayne and avoid countless labor laws. I plan on visiting you as soon as the Christmas rush is over.

I usually refrain from writing selfish lists each year, but this year I only want one thing. It's fast. It's easy. It's simple. Please ask Jesus to move his birthday to a different month!

I know Jesus and you don't exactly get along, but I'm sure it's nothing prayer, kindness and a heartfelt speech on tolerance cannot fix. Look at it this way; you practically stole December from Jesus anyway. It's not like the letters in your name spell "Satan" or anything.

Why would I ask this of you? My birthday is in December, and contrary to popular belief a De-



STEVE
HOLBERT

cember birthday is a pagan curse. People forget your birthday every year — especially the ones who birthed you, but they try to cover up their hurtful ignorance. I can't tell you how many times my birthday presents were "hidden under the tree" in snowflake paper, or the year grandma gave me a card that read "Happy Birthday Jesus." It took me three years to realize I was not the Messiah, which as you can guess is a big disappointment.

These occurrences are not uncommon for children with December birthdays, and this neglect can cause severe psychological damage. Just last year I refused to bathe for weeks and spent my

birthday laying naked in a manger waiting for people to admonish me. Countless couples walked by and ignored me. I told myself they were Jewish.

Santa, I believe through your extensive black magic training at the Durmstrang Institute, you could easily hypnotize baby Jesus into moving his birthday, but before you do, tell him the positive aspects. Jesus would no longer struggle sharing shelf room with Halloween and Thanksgiving at Walmart. Children will no longer fear eternal hell-fire for choosing the Harry Potter outfit over the sexy-preteen angel costume.

Santa, I am greatly appreciative for you taking time out your busy schedule to help me, so I'm upgrading your milk and cookies. Expect a healthy GCSU-sized helping of Get-Laid-Lemonade and Reefer Brownies.

Your devoted follower,
Steve Holbert

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- In the Nov. 20 edition of The Colonnade the women's basketball photographs on pages 13 and 14 were taken at Wednesday's game.
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Parking, shuttle schedules change for faculty, students in spring semester

Dear editor,

In the past few months parking on the northeast side of campus has become tougher than ever, mostly as a result of the new Herty Hall expansion. With such a compact construction zone it became necessary to close off a large number of city regulated street spaces to set up a lay-down area for building materials, forcing many students to find alternate parking in a parking-challenged section of town.

Though this is a temporary loss it will definitely take up the entire spring and summer terms and potentially impact the Fall 2010 term as well. Employees, on the other hand, suffered a permanent loss of parking since the expansion itself will take up residence in what was an employee parking lot. Both of these losses, temporary and permanent, have the university parking office working hard to find more space.

In an effort to shore up the larger overflow of student parking, the GCSU Parking & Transportation Services is bolstering service to the under-utilized perimeter lots, specifically the Irwin Street lot. According to some of the students surveyed, the Irwin Street lot, although well lighted and rich in security features, lacks convenient service to Main Campus. There is a shuttle service to and from Irwin Street, but its primary function is to transport West Campus residents and commuter students who use that parking lot to Main Campus, usually resulting in a fully loaded bus before it even gets to the Irwin Street lot.

Residents of the Bellamy — an apartment complex across the street from the Irwin Street lot — have found that walking to class is much easier and convenient than trying to drive their vehicles to the lots at Peabody or North Clarke Street, but if a bus service were more readily available riders from that apartment complex would be inclined to use it, especially in these upcoming colder months.

As a result of these suggestions, beginning with the return of students in January 2010 a dedicated Irwin Street shuttle will begin running Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. This shuttle will work in concert with the existing West Campus routes that will reduce wait times at the Irwin Street lot from 10 minutes to 6 minutes depending upon traffic. Transit time from the lot to the Arts & Sciences stop is usually less than two minutes already. Returning to the lot can be done from either the A&S stop or the Maxwell Student Union stop. Employees who lost their lot to the construction permanently will be getting some small relief by the designation of 26 street side spaces from Commuter to Employee.

Even with this increase, employee parking will be more limited than ever given the increase in employees assigned to the Parks Memorial building that had its entire employee parking eliminated by the design of the renovation.

Parking at any campus, from GCSU and its 6,000 students to the University of Georgia and its more than 30,000 students, will always be problematic, but with the increased shuttle service it is hoped that the perimeter lots of GCSU will become as convenient to use as any of the lots near campus and that hunting for a space becomes more of a guarantee in the outer lots.

Greg Brown.
Associate director of Auxiliary Services

LETTER TO THE EDITOR POLICY

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Bobcat Beat

“How do you feel about the new smoking policy being passed?”





“I’m pretty un-opinionated about it. I don’t smoke but it doesn’t bother me if I’m around it.”

Jimmy Bryja, sophomore, business management major

“It seems like a pretty good idea to me. I don’t smoke, but if I did, the ban might be kind of annoying.”

Sarah Hinton, sophomore, business management major







“As long as there are designated smoking areas I am fine with it, but only if there’s a good many spread across campus.”

Trey Massengill, senior, general business major

“I feel like if the majority of (people on) campus are non-smokers then it is understandable, but if the designated areas are in the most extreme far out areas of campus, then I don’t know how effective the ban will be.”

Daniel Hannah, senior, history major





“Since I am not a smoker, I’m pretty indifferent to the idea, but I’m glad smokers still have the choice to smoke. If it were taken away completely, then I think there would be more stress.”

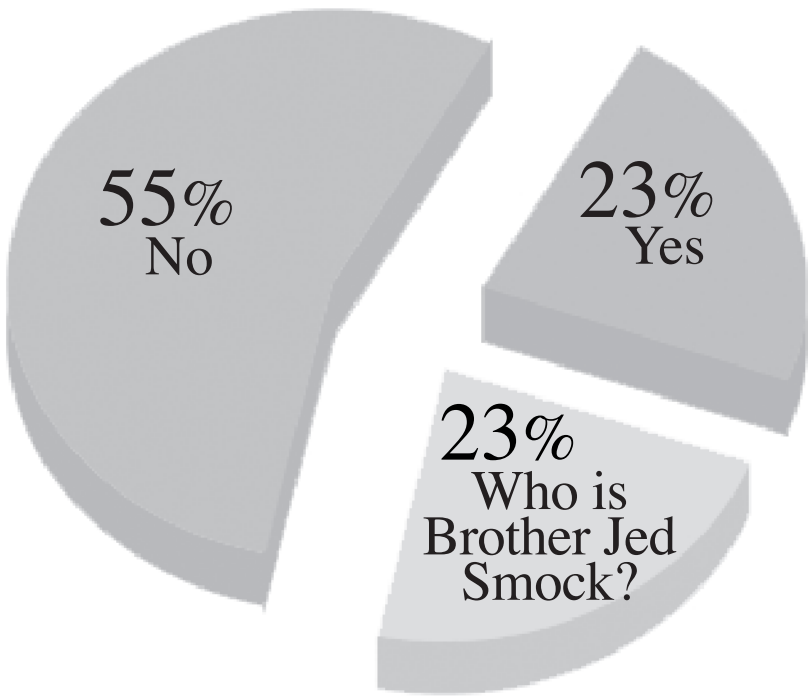
Katie Graham, sophomore, art studio major

Reported by Mandy Ellis

POLL OF THE WEEK

GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE DYKES

Did you listen to Brother Jed Smock on Front Campus on Nov. 18?



Response	Percentage
No	55%
Yes	23%
Who is Brother Jed Smock?	23%


Next week’s question:
Are you staying in Milledgeville over winter break?

- Yes
- No
- Partially

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Are you sure there are only two weeks left in this year? Did we skip half of the year?

You’re not a person unless you are acting.

Ok let me get this straight; first the Board of Regents instituted a temporary \$100 fee. That same year they do not authorize a \$5 green fee on the basis of they don’t want to cause anyone any un-due burden during these economic times. They then turn right around and pass a \$175 fee for GCSU, which then the SGA only debates for two sessions. The Board of Regents then doubles the temporary fee while slashing budgets and mandating furlough days to save money. Yet our state government then gives select business tax breaks which equal the exact same amount that they would save with furloughed days....WTF?!

Ever notice how it’s always the “Christian” kids who scream and argue with the traveling evangelists? Maybe if people stopped listening to them they would stop coming here.

OMG! I just wrote 50,000 words in 28 days! I rock!

I really think Facebook should have a maximum age. It’s really strange to see people that you know are over 50 years old having pages. Since when do they know anything about Facebook, and what reasons do they need a page?

No sleep tonight. This should be fun.

“That’s what she said” is getting old. We should start something new, still quoting The Office, of course.

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New technology options available *CLEAR, AT&T spread local wireless coverage*

BY RYAN DEL CAMPO
STAFF REPORTER

Even a casual television watcher can see the battle for cell phone customers raging today on TV. Each company releases ads seemingly every week which claim dominance of the strongest or most expansive network, as well as the most updated and useful phones and applications. As a competitive and growing market for cell-phone carriers and other wireless technology, GCSU residents are some of the most applicable targets of these advertisements.

Students' active social and academic lives are ideal for cell-phone use. They can be used for phone calls home, text messaging and even last-minute Internet research before a big project is due. Many students come to GCSU from another area with a pre-existing cell-phone plan already, but it's a good idea to look at options available in Milledgeville.

AT&T and Verizon, the two largest cell providers in the country, have the strongest rivalry among cell-phone providers on television. Each company seems to release a new weekly TV spot to confront the other company's last advertisement about who has better coverage.

While AT&T and Verizon are fighting on the front lines for customers, Sprint and T-Mobile have taken a more passive approach to their advertising campaigns. Instead of attacking another company, their ads tend to emphasize the latest phone technologies offered to them by companies like Palm, Blackberry and Motorola.

Each carrier's online coverage map provides information to help potential consumers make an informed decision about which company to pick.

AT&T's map shows Milledgeville having full coverage of "Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution," a fancy name for a type of coverage which is commonly abbreviated as EDGE. The company has also recently begun the process of updating its inner-city towers to 3G.

AT&T National Distribution Account Executive Katie Peacock has overseen the execution of the company's new 3G tower in Milledgeville.

"It's good to go," said Peacock in reference to the updated cell tower. "When I was in Milledgeville this past weekend, it was definitely up and running. At this point, most of the inner-city towers are updated. It may take a little longer to get towards the lakes."

Verizon's digital coverage, the strongest the company has to offer, also expands all over Milledgeville and most of the Baldwin County area. Representatives from Milledgeville's Verizon store were unable to comment on service or marketing plans in the Milledgeville market.

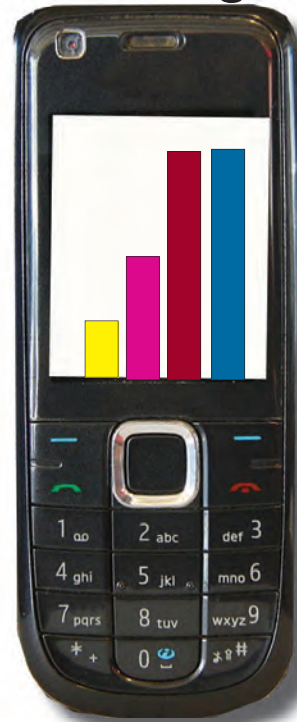
In an unofficial comparison between all four major cell carriers, AT&T and Verizon seem to offer the best service in Milledgeville. T-Mobile provides service to almost all of Milledgeville, but in varying degrees. Sprint comes in last among the carriers, with spotty and often weak service in the Baldwin area.

Students, as attached to the cell phone as many are, also have other technological needs while at school. The new service in Milledgeville offered by Clearwire Communications will provide both students and other community members' Internet. For a small monthly charge, Clearwire offers their customers a 4G WiMAX network very similar to a home wireless network or Wi-Fi hotspot, however it spans throughout the entirety of its covered cities.

Anyone who pays for this service and has a wireless Internet-enabled device to pair it with will enjoy being able to have Internet service anywhere, any time, in the Milledgeville area. In fact, GCSU's own Public Safety Department uses the service in its patrol cars.

"The city of Milledgeville applied for a grant," Public Safety Sgt. Greg Williams said. "So CLEAR took that over and started building towers for Internet coverage.

Milledgeville Coverage



■ AT&T ■ T-Mobile
■ Verizon ■ Sprint

Approximate values taken from cell phone carrier Web sites

GRAPHIC BY REBECCA BURNS

Now we use it for our in-car computers to run tags and licenses, pull up pictures, and fill in reports."

Atlanta is the only Georgia city other than Milledgeville to receive CLEAR service to date. In fact, Milledgeville is one of only 24 cities nationwide to offer CLEAR service.

Milledgeville's technological market is ever-growing, and as long as businesses like the major cell carriers and Clearwire are gaining and retaining customers, residents can expect to have even more opportunities to get the coolest new gadgets or best connection to the rest of the world.

Students utilize Health Science building

BY SCOTTY THOMPSON
STAFF REPORTER

The new and remodeled Health Sciences building, part of GCSU's College of Health Sciences, opened its doors this semester and so far it is being put to good use. The three-floor building, which held its official open house in October, houses many of the college's programs.

"We're putting it to the maximum use, and we could honestly still use more room," said Dr. Martha Colvin, associate dean of the College of Health Sciences. "We're still having to use space (in the College of Arts & Sciences), and hopefully we will be able to expand things a little more."

Colvin has been at GCSU for 21 years and said that the new and remodeled building has been a decade or more in the making.

"There were original plans that were revised more than once, but we were finally able to get it done," she said. "We had things like budget restraints that held us back a good bit before."

Within the new building, there is a real-life sized nursing lab with a station in the entrance on the second floor. The lab contains around a dozen beds. In addition there are simulation areas where instructors can demonstrate techniques or points to nursing students as well as simulation dummies for students to operate on or run tests on.

"We also have an emergency room simulation area where students can work in emergency room type situations," Colvin said.

"It's just like a hospital," junior nursing major Krystle Kvalheim said. "Even though we are just practicing, it makes it seem more real."

There are several classrooms



FILE PHOTO

Nursing major Anna Carey uses the Health Science building to give flu shots to students, faculty and staff. Currently at GCSU there are 194 undergraduate students in the nursing program and 332 undergraduate pre-nursing majors.

in the Health Sciences building, with the largest ones having a seating capacity of 55 students.

"Those are primarily being used by the large nursing cohorts," Colvin said.

The old school gymnasium comprises a good chunk of the third floor. A movement lab accommodates several different programs within the college.

"Our Kinesiology Department uses it. We've got our physical education program set up in there. Our exercise science students use it," Colvin said. "We also allow the Early College students to use it, and some other students from the rest of the university with permission."

Another area on the third floor is known as the student

commons area. Colvin said this part of the building is a big hit with students.

"It's a place where they can come study and chill out," she said. "The Student Advisory Committee, which comprises of representatives from each of the college's majors, has a board set up for suggestions and contact information. We've also got an area for the athletic training program."

The rest of the third floor contains exercise science labs as well as athletic training labs.

The most popular part of the building, however, may be on the first floor with GCSU's music therapy program.

"It's a really neat program," Colvin said. "There's an improvisation room with instruments where the students work.

We've got a sensory room in which students can help those that are physically or mentally handicapped."

Colvin added that one of the more frequently visited rooms is the Somatron room, which contains a vibrating chair.

"Students can sit in the chair, and they can listen to different music. And it's something that can help relieve tension or stress."

There is one additional room on the first floor that is not being used by anyone at the moment, according to Colvin.

"We're all trying to get our heads together and figure out how to put it to good use," she said. "We know several of the different programs can benefit from it, and hopefully we will have a good purpose for it soon."

PHOTO TIPS



BY AUSTIN CABOT
SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER

Wanting a nice, new camera for Christmas? Just wondering how cameras work? In order to progress with your photo-creating skills, it's first necessary to understand the basics (you wouldn't hop into a race car and win your first race without even knowing how to drive a stick-shift, would you? It's like that, unless of course your last name is Schumacher or Earnhardt for you NASCAR fans). Don't have enough time to learn? Lucky for you, winter break is right around the corner.

The first step to taking better photos is to take your camera off of auto mode (green box mode). Nice cameras fill their potential when the photographer is in complete control. Put the camera in manual mode.

Next, you need to understand the three main settings that affect the outcome of your photo: aperture, shutter speed and ISO. Sound complicated? It's really not.

Cameras work by using light – plain and simple. Light comes through the lens, hits the sensor (or film) and the images are written. The three main settings all make the camera more or less sensitive to the light.

Aperture: The aperture is the size of the opening in the lens. Remember the James Bond intros with the blades that close down? That's what aperture looks like. The larger the aperture opening is, the more light the camera will let in. The smaller the aperture, the less light the camera will let in. The aperture is usually designated by an f/ followed by a number. It's important to note that the numbers are opposite what you think they are – a larger number lets in less light. For instance, an f/22 value would let in much less light than an f/2 value would.

Shutter speed: If your aperture controls the amount of light, then the shutter speed is the amount of time that light is hitting the sensor. Shutter speeds are typically fractions of a second, though long shutter speeds can be up to 30 seconds long. If you've ever taken blurry photos, it's usually because your shutter speed is too slow.

ISO: Your ISO is the setting that controls how sensitive your camera sensor is to light. Usually, ISO settings range from 100 – 3200, but some cameras go beyond. Think of your ISO as sunscreen for your camera sensor, however, ISO settings work opposite SPF ratings do. An ISO of 100 would make the camera the least resistant to light, while a setting of ISO 3200 would surely lead to a third degree sunburn.

Meter – it was not mentioned before, but it's what ties all of these settings together. The camera knows what settings it needs for a certain scene. Your goal is to get it there. The meter is often through the viewfinder (or rear screen if you have a nice point and shoot camera). You will see a 0 in the middle and positive and negative numbers on each side. If the bar says that the camera is way on the positive side, try using a smaller aperture (bigger number), faster shutter speed, or lower ISO. Conversely, if the meter is far on the negative side, try using a bigger aperture (smaller number), slower shutter speed, or higher ISO.

Learning these settings and what they can do for you is the next step in taking great photos. Now that you have at least a little basic knowledge of how they work, take out that nice camera. The best thing you can do is experiment. Sure you might produce some horrible pictures, but at least you'll get instant feedback and don't have to spend all your Christmas money on getting multiple rolls of film developed.

Medical-care options readily available

BY CHELSEA THOMAS
SENIOR REPORTER

Student Health Services offers students unlimited visits each semester. It vaccinates students with seasonal flu shots, as well as for periodic problems, such as H1N1. Most medications and lab tests are provided at no cost. However, sometimes GCSU nurse practitioners are not available, or can't offer specialized treatment.

Clinic hours are Mondays through Fridays from 8:15 a.m. to 4:30 p.m, but as available as the clinic is during the week, they leave students abandoned on weekends.

Alice Loper, the Student Health Services director, recognizes this issue but struggles to offer a solution.

"If the student health clinic offered expanded hours, the health fee would have to be increased significantly to cover costs of operation," Loper said. "It is sad but true that health care is expensive."

Loper suggests local Milledgeville resources for students on weekends when the Student Health Services clinic is closed. Local resources recommended

include: Compassionate Care Clinic, Convenient Care MD Clinic and Oconee Regional Medical Center's emergency room.

Molly Thomas, with administrative services at ORMC, believes in the medical staff of the hospital and said that most medical specialty treatments are represented.

"The Oconee Regional E.R. does not have any connection with student funding for Health Services at GCSU, though we never turn anyone away from the emergency department, whether they can pay or not," Thomas said.

However, some students have conflicting opinions on the acceptance of patients at the Oconee Regional E.R. Babbs Bowden, sophomore pre-nursing major, said her roommate was turned away for not having her insurance card with her.

"With my roommate I had to drive her to her dad so he could take her to get treatment in Gwinnett," Bodwen said. "She didn't have her insurance card and the hospital is really expensive."

If these problems arise there are still two other options.

Convenient Care MD Clinic,

affiliated with ORMC, provides after-hours care for non-emergency illnesses. The office is located at 111 Fieldstone Drive, Ste. 114 just off of U.S. 441 behind Chick-fil-A. The clinic operates from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m., Mondays through Fridays, and 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Likewise, Loper also suggests Compassionate Care Clinic, which is run out of Sinclair Baptist Church, is located at 102 Airport Road NE and can "see folks for a small fee."

When special medical diagnoses or situations arise, Student Health Services refers students locally for treatment. This can cause a problem for some students since this treatment is no longer covered under the student health fee umbrella.

"The major issue is whether or not the student is insured," Loper said. "If there is no insurance, or if their insurance is not accepted in this area, there are more problems."

If insurance is accepted, students can receive treatment on their own schedule. If their coverage is not accepted, some students opt to go home. However, if they are uninsured, the student

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has few options, two previously mentioned — ORMC and Compassionate Care Clinic.

Many local doctors look to support Student Health Services and are open to referrals. Dr. Mark L. Mudano from Southern Orthopedics volunteered with Student Health Services from 2005 to 2006, speaks to nursing classes occasionally, and treats GCSU employees.

"Students from GCSU are basically our 'ideal' patients," Mudano said. "I am always available for students who have an acute injury, even things like simple laceration repairs we can do in my office."

Overall, outside of Student Health Services students do have a medical community in Milledgeville willing to support them in any further medical assistance.

Students indulge in holiday foods, ignore consequences

BY STEPHANIE SORENSEN
STAFF REPORTER

The holidays are here, and 'tis the season to loosen belts and waist bands as Americans stuff down the holiday cheer with an extra helping of button-popping food. Even Santa Claus can't hold off the weight. With delicious holiday spreads, and thousands of tempting cookies, students find it easy to understand why.

"My grandma leaves a bunch of candy trays out, so I just snack all day," junior James Latty said.

Thanksgiving is a ticket to tighter jeans and turkey comas. With all the delicious mouth-watering dishes, most students succumb to the danger of holiday foods, but some recognize these dangers, and do all they can to avoid them.

Many students try to diet during the holidays but it's typically the toughest time when temptation lurks around every cookie.

"I've tried to diet, but it never seems to work out. I try not to eat sweets, but they always look so good," junior

Lauren Heard said. "I end up caving every year."

Still some students don't even think about the consequences of a scrumptious holiday dinner.

"Gobble 'til you wobble, that's my motto" sophomore Kelsey Fosnough said of her Thanksgiving eating strategy.

With the big guy in the red suit leading the way, students follow the example of eat fattening holiday foods, but the dangers don't end there. The best parts of the holidays are the leftovers. That feast that's supposed to only last one day, ends up lasting seven. The good thing is, the turkey is a safe and healthy way to avoid holiday weight gain - if you eat it plain and on a sandwich. The remaining leftovers still pose dangers to student's waistlines.

"Every time I look at the Fridge, I can't help but open it. The leftovers are delicious and almost better than the meal itself," sophomore Brad Williams said.

Students beware, the holiday's are here and unless you want to end up looking like Santa with a belly that shakes when you laugh like a bowl full of jelly be smart about what you eat this holiday season.



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Directing students make a scene (or nine)

BY DRAKE SIMONS
STAFF WRITER

Any student involved with theater is used to having a director to orchestrate all of the elements of theater into the best show possible. But what students are not accustomed to is when the director is one of their peers. Dr. Amy Pinney is the professor of the class and has been working with students to teach them basic directing techniques.

"If performance is an epistemology — a way of knowing — then directing is an ontology, a way of being," Pinney said.

Directing students' pick a scene from a play or movie around 10 minutes long. However choosing a scene that fits a director's personality and capability can be an agonizing choice for directors.

"I just fell upon 'Jerry Finnegans' Sister.' I read it and fell in love with it," junior theater major Stacey Silverman said. "I just kind of knew it was the scene for me."

Directing students have been at work all semester long learning how to tell a story through actors. Pinney instructs student directors in the class techniques. Those directors in turn take what they have learned and pass it on to the cast.

"I use class as more of a way to try things out, almost like a practice for directing rather than taking material and applying it like you would a math class. I also feed off of what other people say and try to use some of their ideas as things I could do or try with my scene," Silverman said.

Each director is looking to take hints and suggestions while trying to develop their own style. Once a scene is cast the director must schedule rehearsal outside of classes to perfect the scene. In rehearsals the student directors work hard to create a productive environment.

"I try to give as much positive feedback as I can. I want to make rehearsal a fun experience so that my actors want to come and do the best they can," Silverman said.

Student directors often request the cast to perform the scene multiple times in a row as the director changes element of the scene to better fit the idea that they have conceived. However, there is also good communication between the directors and actors.

"I have learned from both of my directors that it is quite alright to voice your opinions about any sort of acting choice," senior mass communication major Zane Wind said.

One might expect that there may be a small



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Leah Keelan, left, plays Natalia in the play "A Marriage Proposal," by Anton Chekhov. She believes that Ivan, played by Evan Fields, is dead, and is upset because they are betrothed to be married. "A Marriage Proposal" was directed by Heather Wilson.

authority difference between the director and the actor as they are all undergraduates.

"I am directing people who are my age and have taken directing classes before, but my actors and I respect the boundaries that are drawn at rehearsals and how they differ from our day-to-day interactions," senior theater major Caleigh Allen said.

The scenes will be performed Dec. 4 in Max Noah Recital Hall. There are nine students who have prepared nine short scenes covering a wide array of genres.

"It's almost like flipping the channels on the TV. You watch a scene on a random show and then you switch the channel and you want another totally different scene," Wind said.

Students are anxiously awaiting the performances to show off what they have accomplished.

"I'm incredibly proud of the creative and sophisticated work the Directing I students are doing this semester," Pinney said. "I hope they are as pleased with their scenes as I am."



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Chynna Murphy, left, and Sean Casey perform in "Closer," a play based upon the popular movie of the same name. The performance was directed by Caleigh Allen.

International students share holiday traditions, celebrations

BY SARAH GIARRATANA
SENIOR REPORTER

For families around the world, holidays evoke memories of warm celebrations, countless plates of food and family gathered to celebrate.

For United States citizens, the thought of celebrating differently rarely crosses peoples' minds as they attempt to wrap presents and decorate in haste for the holiday season.

Around the world however, many people of all races and creeds prepare to celebrate, often with traditions vastly different from those celebrated in the United States.

"I really enjoy celebrating Christmas," Laura Mesén, a GCSU international student from Costa Rica, said. "Since it is like summer (in Costa Rica), everything is outside and my whole family is eating and drinking and we grill out, because it is still warm."

In Costa Rica, a country that is majority Catholic, many parents try to take the focus off of Santa Claus and put the focus on Jesus, Mesén said. She added that the influence from the United States greatly affects how Costa-Rican children view Christmas.

"Children see all of these movies about Christmas that are made here, so they see Santa," Mesén said. "So sometimes a father or uncle will dress up as Santa and come to the house and say, 'Jesus asked me to bring this to you,' to combine the traditions."

Even children in Japan, few of whom believe in Christ, still celebrate Christmas by receiving gifts from Santa or receiving gifts from a Buddhist monk and deity Hotei-oshio who acts like Santa Claus and brings gifts to every house.

People of the Jewish faith celebrate Hanukkah, known as the "festival of

lights" in which a family celebrates for eight days and each night lights a candle on the Menorah to celebrate. Traditionally, on each evening, family members receive a gift, but often other cultural traditions are added.

In Southern France, on the final day of Hanukkah, people travel from town-to-town, opening and tasting new flasks of wine. In Yemen, children went from house-to-house collecting wicks for the Menorah.

Also in France, Christmas celebrations begin on Dec. 6 with the feast of Saint Nicholas. Children later place their shoes in front of the fireplace on Christmas Eve, in hopes that Papa Noel will fill them with gifts.

In Latin American countries, where people commonly celebrate Christmas in accordance with the Christian and Catholic faiths, traditions differ from those in the United States and Europe.

"The nine days before Christmas Eve we pray and we get ready for Jesus, it's called 'novena' in Spanish and we start praying every night until Christmas Eve," Jessica Ramirez, a GCSU international student from Colombia, said. "On that Christmas Eve, we have a special dinner and mass and open presents, we don't open the presents like we do (in the United States), on Christmas morning."

Ramirez, who spent last Christmas visiting the United States, looks forward to going home for Christmas to celebrate with her entire family.

Also from Colombia, GCSU international student Andres Ibarra looks forward to returning home for the holidays.

"I don't think there is that much



GRAPHIC BY SARAH GIARRATANA

difference (between Christmas in the United States and in Colombia)," Ibarra said. "We gather around and open presents, but then we go out and party."

Ramirez and Ibarra both mentioned that Christmas parties in Colombia rage all night long, in the warm weather, until 3 or 4 a.m.

"Usually after Christmas, people start preparing for Carnival too," Ibarra said. "The celebration is in February and it's like the loudest party in the

city."

Though the Carnival celebration officially lasts only four days, the party continues all month long with costumes, concerts and festivals.

"I wish we could celebrate here, but we are in class," Ibarra said. "It's quite an experience."

Whether preparing for Carnival or Hanukkah, celebrating Christmas or partying all night long, the holidays mark a time for family celebrations shared the world over.

Holiday gifts don’t have to break the bank

Handmade gifts for friends, family see rise in popularity

BY ZARA GRAY ROWE
STAFF WRITER

Tis the season to be jolly, but when you’re on a tight budget it’s hard to find that Christmas cheer when you’re gift-giving.

With exams on the way, students at GCSU are scurrying about Milledgeville to find the perfect gifts for friends and family before heading back home for the holidays. The sound of Christmas carols on your iPod, twinkling lights at night, wreaths hanging on doors, and last but not least, the stress of the holiday season all come together in the month of December.

Fortunately, finding great Christmas gifts on a budget is quite doable. The best way to get the most for your money and the greatest satisfaction is by focusing on what your loved ones will enjoy most. Spending hundreds of dollars on presents isn’t going to make the gift any better, so focus on the little details.

When it comes to buying that perfect gift for your best friend it’s hard to not want to spend a lot of money. Be creative and put that extra special personal touch on a gift that will blow them away. With Facebook as our virtual photo album, printed photos are not as common, so try printing some fun photos and make a collage, put them in an album, or even a few frames. Another great gift idea is to make a CD of all your favorite songs that you both share together.

Kara Wynkoop, a sophomore nursing major, finds it easy to shop for gifts with a budget.

“I plan on making almost all my gifts this year,” Wynkoop said. “I find that my friends appreciate all the effort I put into my presents when I spend time on them.”

A great way to really surprise your parents this Christmas without spending a lot of money on them is by writing them a re-

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—Kara Wynkoop, sophomore

ally nice letter. It helps them feel more involved with you now that they aren’t a part of every aspect in your life. The phone calls to mom and dad are great, but try letting them know this season how thankful you are for raising and believing in you all these years. Try handwriting the letter to save printer ink. You could even frame a good grade you got on a paper or test from this semester to show them how hard you are working. A few other ideas are a coupon for an old chore you used to have to do around the house, a night during which you decide to stay home and not to go out with friends, taking the dog for a walk, or even doing your own laundry while your back in town!

For that special someone in your life it’s important to get them something that will let them know how special they are to you this holiday season. Whether it’s a girlfriend or boyfriend something as simple as a card with a coupon for “watching the sunrise with you,” “cooking a special dinner for you,” or “a day of nothing but movies with you” is always a nice gift. That way you get to spend quality time together without going broke!

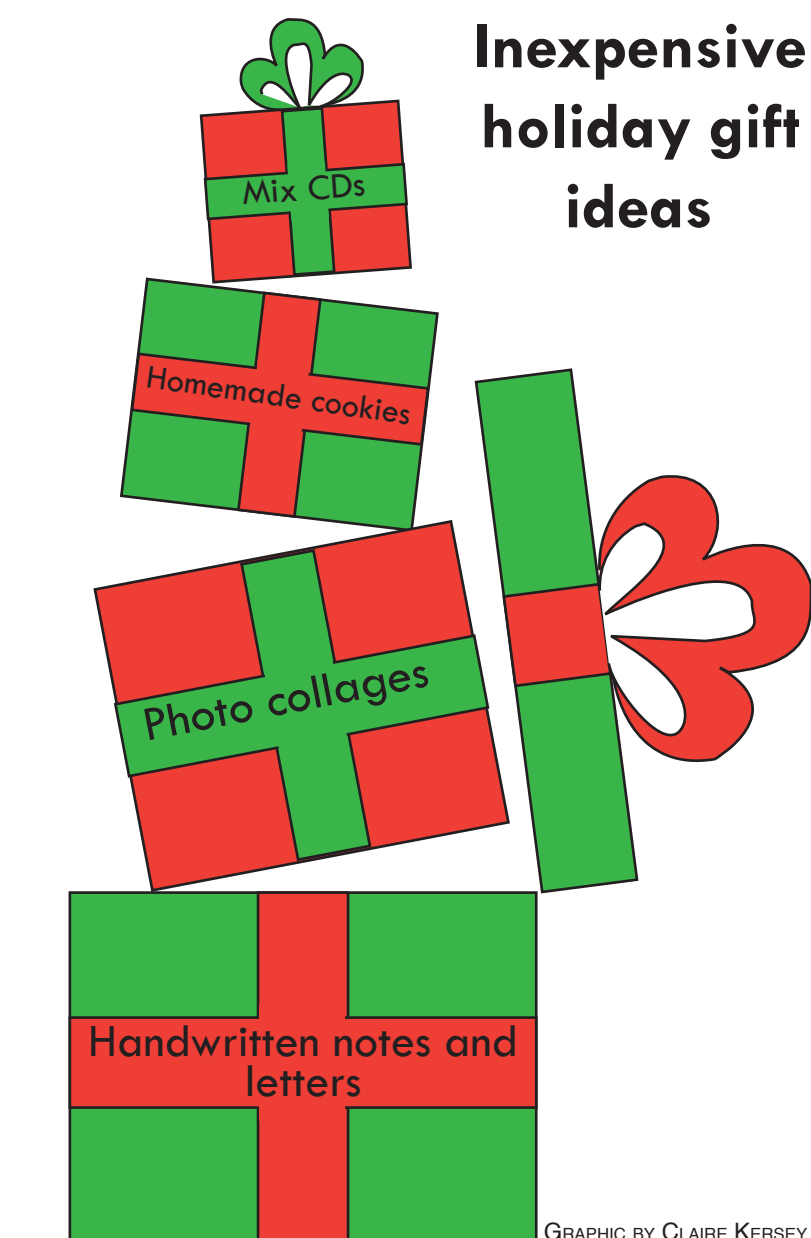
Kate Tenoschok, a sophomore mass communication major, loves putting that special touch on all her gifts.

“It can be a challenge some-

times to shop with a college budget for Christmas presents for my friends,” Tenoschok said. “But the homemade gifts are the best at heart, because you know they were thinking about you when they were making it.”

Siblings can be hard to get gifts for. Try spending time with them over the break to get an idea of what they really want. Even if they won’t admit it they probably just want to spend time with their sibling. So ask your parents in advance and plan a weekend where your sibling comes and spends the weekend with you. Let them experience your life and see all the fun we have here. You could even go on an adventure to the Baldwin County Airport or the dam, but either way make it a big deal that they are in town.

We can’t forget our wonderful grandparents that have spoiled us rotten all our lives. If they don’t live too far away, this Christmas remember to spend time with them. Grandparents are very easy to please, because all they want is to be loved and remembered. Offer to come over for dinner, talk about what you are learning in your classes, all the different cultural experiences you have gotten at GCSU, or ask them about what they were like at your age. Another creative idea that might require your parents help and some snooping around is to find an old photo



GRAPHIC BY CLAIRE KERSEY

of your grandparents when they were young and do something artsy with it. Frame it next to a photo of you at that same age and they will be delighted.

For your friends who are always there for you, that you love and cherish so dearly, try baking some cookies and bagging them up with a little note about how much they mean to you. Reminisce on all those all-nighters you spent together, those late night runs to Walmart, and those crazy dance nights at Capitol that were

all a blast, and most importantly that you will miss them over the break.

Whitley Sanders, a sophomore mass communication major, enjoys the giving of gifts more than the receiving.

“Giving that gift that you put time and effort into making brings such a good feeling,” Sanders said. “My favorite is when they aren’t expecting a gift and when they open it — it’s exactly what they hoped for. Their reaction is a gift in itself.”

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Spotlight

By: Stephanie Sorensen



SURVIVING FINALS

It’s the time of year when the library is full to max capacity and students are starting to get the crazed look of being cooped up far too long. Only the smartest will survive and for those that still need some help, here are some tips.

SLEEP — Of course students turn into zombies this time of year (after all it’s called dead week) but sleep can help with retention and that zombie-like state.

CRACK OPEN A BOOK — Those things that have been sitting on the desk all year actually have valuable knowledge in them and can, in fact, ensure an A on that tough final.

TAKE BREAKS — After hours of studying, a short break is well earned. It will help you keep your sanity and avoid information overload.

DON’T CRAM — Face it, cramming just causes headaches. Students retain a lot more knowledge if they study over the course of several days rather than all at once.

MAKE A SCHEDULE AND STICK TO IT — It’s easy to procrastinate during finals week, but you’re less likely to do so if you make a study regiment.

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International Club president leads with poise, confidence

BY MOLLY HOLMES
STAFF WRITER

All around swirls of brightly colored costumes, bold soccer jerseys declaring fierce loyalties, and loud, fiery Latin music surrounded Front Campus on International Day. But Scott Zhang sat coolly aside and helped keep one of the biggest events of the year for the International Club running smoothly.

Zhang, the International Club president, had a big hand in helping plan and organize this year’s International Day. Zhang, a very collected, well-spoken sophomore computer science major with a face quick to smile, has taken on leadership roles throughout the campus, including working as a summer conference assistant, and participating in the Leadership Certificate Program.

“I have a lot of respect for him,” said Libby Davis, associate director of the International Education Center and an international student adviser, “not only did he take on a leadership role, he took on the leadership role.”

Zhang is not afraid of taking on hard tasks to get the job done including walking the four miles to Walmart and back to buy food when the shuttles were stopped and Sodexo was closed over winter break.

Coming to the United States and living on an American college campus has been a very different experience for Zhang since being in China, he said, “school is so stressful and no one has time for extracurricular activities.”

Zhang sees the opportunity to get involved on campus as a positive change from life in China, and has taken the opportunity and ran with it.

“There would never be an International Club in China,” Zhang said, laughing.

Zhang came to Milledgeville from one of the largest cities in the world — Shanghai, China. He came to the United States at his parent’s urging to gain a sense of independence most young Chinese students seem to lack, Zhang said.

Zhang attributes the dependence of young Chinese on their families to China’s One Child Policy, which he says creates spoiled children. Zhang’s parents’ solution to this was to help him come to the United States to study.

Coming to the United States from a communist country is actually more common than an average American may think. Zhang does not get questioned about communism very often. “We aren’t North Korea,” he said.

“China is one of the top three countries (with stu-

dents) who come to America,” Davis said.

Davis said it is not communism in the case of China that stops people from coming to the United States, it is usually the economic situation.

It is much easier to come to the United States now than it was just a little while ago when China’s economy was less stable.

The U.S. is concerned mostly about whether immigrants will go back when their visa is up instead of illegally staying on the country. Now that China is strong economically, the U.S. officials seem more assured that immigrants will return to China when their visa is up.

“(China) is in a transition,” Zhang said, and that because China is doing well with capitalism, one day communism and capitalism will clash and communism will fade away.

Zhang saw the 2008 Beijing Olympics as a milestone in the struggle between capitalism and communism. Though the Chinese government used the Olympics as a propaganda tool, Zhang said, it also boosted the economy and let people learn more about what China is really like.

The International Club has the same goal in mind — to help international and American students understand more of each other’s cultures.

‘Brothers’ fails to live up to plot’s potential

BY CHRIS MOSKALY
REVIEWER

Director Jim Sheridan has everything he needs to make a film like “Brothers” excellent. There’s a good cast, a catchy story centered on an already-familiar narrative, and a strong underlying theme of family loyalty. The problem however, is that Sheridan knows he has all of this great potential, and therefore tries too hard to execute it. Now granted, “Brothers” is still a good film, and well worth the price of admission for any curious party, but as I drove home from the test screening last night, one of the first things I said to myself was: “with movies like this, it really sucks to be a critic because unlike occasional moviegoers, our minds are practically “seasoned” to pick apart every little thing ... no wonder people hate us.”

From a distance, the plot of the film comes off as somewhat of a clash between family soap operas and modern war-vet homages, but to his credit Sheridan manages to find the right type of focus as he creates a moral labyrinth between two brothers who are polar opposites in every which way. Sam Cahill (Tobey Maguire) is the good son; married to his high school sweetheart Grace (Natalie Portman), father of two kids, and never once failed to make their father (Sam Shepard) proud.

And then there’s Tommy (Jake Gyllenhaal); a worthless drifter who has no responsibility, makes excuses for a living, and has just gotten out of prison in time for his brother’s farewell dinner, as Sam prepares to embark on his fourth tour of duty in Afghanistan. I don’t think I need to tell you which brother is favored by the other family members, but aside from their attitudes toward each other, there is a serious tone of loneliness and emptiness that exists in every supporting character once Sam has left. We’ve all seen plenty of films where the narrative is driven by emotional pain caused by military service, but this is the first one in years that actually examines the “loved ones back home.”

Okay, so we already know, just from the trailer, that while Sam is gone, Tommy will reluctantly help Grace and the kids. He needs a place to stay, they need someone to comfort them in his absence, and once his chopper is shot down (and they reasonably presume he has died), it’s only fitting to assume that Tommy and Grace will

eventually “share a moment.” This moment, while clichéd, is handled exquisitely by Gyllenhaal and Portman as they share some good chemistry in a scene where the loving wife realizes that the black sheep has a much bigger heart than she thought, and after passing a joint of marijuana, it becomes apparent that Grace isn’t exactly the typical cheerleader everyone (including the audience) expected.

Shifting back and forth between the combat zone and the home front, Sheridan takes full advantage of the first hour as he establishes the proper mood(s) of his story. Unfortunately however, just when it should be getting stronger, “Brothers” slowly starts wearing thin as Sam unexpectedly turns up alive, and prepares to come back home.

For the sake of maintaining the suspense, I won’t reveal any details as to what exactly happened to Sam overseas, but what I can tell you is that in spite of how demented his experience may have been, Maguire completely overdoes the “after-effect” of the character. Obviously he’s bound to feel betrayed once he realizes that his once no-good brother has taken over his husband/father role in the family, but in a crucial scene where Sam pulls a gun on Tommy, Maguire tries way too hard to sell the pay-off, and with his childish voice (still reminiscent of Spidey) nearly shatters the climax of the film.

Like I said earlier; as a critic, it is my job to see everything that comes out, so for anyone who really puts their faith in my opinion, let me go ahead and tell you that if you’re at-all curious about “Brothers,” I have no reason not to recommend it. If you’re a fan of any (if not all) of the lead thespians, I feel confident that the film will suffice your needs. Just understand, that when you see 2-3 films a week like I do, it’s really just the “masterpieces” that stick out. But if you go only about once a month to the theater, a lot of the formulaic norms aren’t near as obvious. Especially the ones regarding foreign political affairs, because as time goes on, more and more families have “someone to pray for.”

GRADE: B

READ: [reed], verb.

1. To look at carefully so as to understand the meaning of (something written, printed, Etc.)

2. to render in speech

3. to have such knowledge of a language as to be able to understand it.

4. To acquire knowledge from the written text.

5. to apprehend the meaning of

6. to adopt or give as a reading in a particular passage

Art adds splashes of color to library atrium

BY LYRIC BURNETT
STAFF WRITER

At least until the end of the semester visitors to the Georgia College & State University library will be able to enjoy decorative artwork by their own professors and colleagues.

Professors Jorge Zapata and Sandra Trujillo created the art displayed in the facility’s atrium. The exhibition was for Hispanic Heritage Month, and the library was chosen as the location because of the lack of color and empty wall space the first floor had.

Bill Fisher, curator and chair of the art department, worked with Nancy Davis Bray, the university librarian, to coordinate the displays.

“This exhibition generally challenges the notion of a monolithic/stereotyped reading of contemporary Hispanic and Latino art,” Fisher said. “The art shows a great range of influences and technical skills, attitudes and relationships of the artists to multiple cultures.”

Maggie Dorriety, senior English major, admired the art while waiting for some of her classmates.

“It is a nice thing to have in the library because when I am waiting in the library for group projects, it gives me something interesting to look at,” Dorriety said. “The color contrast in the paintings done by Jorge Zapata is very visually appealing, and the ceramics by Sandra Trujillo look very intricate. I can tell they are both very skilled.”

Sandra Trujillo has been a ceramics and design professor at GCSU for two years. All her pieces on display are surface porcelain with over glaze enamel and gold luster.

“Last summer I participated in a Fulbright-Hays seminar to Czech Republic and Hungary,” Trujillo said. “I think what inspired me to work with shadows in these ceramic works were the stories and legends that many of the buildings were famous for.”

On her trip, Trujillo was impressed by the art and architecture within the



AUSTIN CABOT / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
A painting by GCSU art professor Jorge Zapata hangs in the library. Vibrantly colored paintings and ceramic pieces by Sandra Trujillo will be on display until the end of the semester.

larger cities like Prague, Czech Republic, and Budapest, Hungary. Some of her ceramics came from the images she saw, others came from memories of her family.

“The adage ‘living amongst the shadows of the past’ came to mind and became the seminal thought behind the imagery painted on these objects,” Trujillo said. “Here, these small ceramic square teapots and tea caddies serve to remember stories from my family and past generations.”

“It is wonderful that the art department and the library can collaborate in this way,” Fisher said. “I am happy the library personnel wanted to expose visitors to a different range of experience by putting the art up.”

Suzy Spiccia, senior marketing major, likes the new displays because of the feel it gives the first floor.

“I like the art because it is modern and funky and matches Apple products,” Spiccia said.



JOANNA SULLIVAN / STAFF WRITER
Mathis Wilkens and Mary-Katherine Schaap played a couple coming to terms with their love for one another in “I Hmmm You.” Throughout the song they replace the “L” word with “Hmmm” to describe all of the things they admire about each other.

Musical theater pushed to the ‘Edges’ in Max Noah

BY JOANNA SULLIVAN
STAFF WRITER

The Max Noah Recital Hall was full Dec. 1 with people ready to watch theater performers put on scenes from “Edges,” an unconventional musical about real issues that relate to everyone.

The play began with the musical number “Become” where the performers question who they are becoming and if they are being genuine. This sets the mood for the rest of the play.

Some of the songs to follow were punchy and bold like “In Short” performed by Elisha Hodgkin. She sang in character about how and why her ex-boyfriend should die, relishing in all of these bad occurrences that could and should happen to him.

“Being on stage is nerve racking because your voice begins to squeak and you can’t take charge of it. Singing is always more nerve racking than acting because you have to have

much more control your voice,” Hodgkin said.

Other songs were more comical like “Be My Friend”, which was sung by the whole company, discussing the many tribulations of having a Facebook account.

After the performance, many members of the audience had a lot to say about the splendid job that the actors did.

“I really liked the material done by all of the theater majors. I loved it when the company sang together because their harmonies were great,” senior Caroline Horlacher said.

As far as the favorite performance of the night, the audience leaned towards the songs that were more serious in tone.

“My favorite of all of the skits was ‘Lying There’ because it had the most emotion in it and it was very powerful,” freshman Ross Daniel said.

This performance was definitely a challenge for the actors themselves because they had to manage

not only this play, but all the others from this season.

Steve Holbert, a sophomore, who had a solo in the final number ‘Coasting’, said he was more challenged with this part than with others from the past.

“I’m used to playing extreme parts, so to prepare for this show I watched how other people were acting around me and tried my best to imitate them,” Holbert said. “We have been very busy this semester with all of the other plays so by the time this production came up we all booked to get ready for it. Time management has definitely been key in that sense.”

The actors auditioned for their parts in August and have been working together since September preparing for this play.

“We have been preparing for this performance all semester. I am really relieved and excited to see how it all turned out,” Hodgkin said.

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SHOULD HAVE STAYED HOME

According to a Public Safety report, on Nov. 21 at approximately 2:43 a.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller observed a vehicle on Hancock Street cross over the double yellow line. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the driver. Miller observed a “bar bracelet” on his wrist and could detect the odor of an alcoholic beverage coming from his person. He refused to take a breathalyzer test, but he showed signs of impairment and was under the age of 21. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and issued citations for driving under the influence and weaving over the roadway.

MARIJUANA TRAUMA

According to a Public Safety report, on Nov. 22 at approximately 9:34 a.m. officer Jamaal Hicks was dispatched to Foundation Hall in reference to the odor of marijuana coming from one of the rooms. Contact was made with four males, who all produced marijuana and contraband when requested. The marijuana and contraband were confiscated and the case was turned over to Student Judicial.

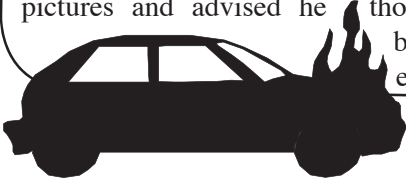


GATEWAY DRUGS

According to a Public Safety report, on Nov. 1 at approximately 9:04 p.m. Sgt. Jeff Miller observed a vehicle on Tattnall Street with the driver and passenger not wearing their seatbelts and the tag light not functioning. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the male driver and passenger. The passenger was found with an open container of beer in his possession and there was a strong odor of marijuana coming from the vehicle. A check of the vehicle found that there was a baggie of suspected marijuana under the passenger seat. The passenger admitted the beer and marijuana was his. He was arrested and transported to the Milledgeville Police Department and charged with open container and possession of marijuana.

FIRE IN THE HOLE

According to a Public Safety report, on Nov. 23 at approximately 6:20 p.m. Sgt. Nick Reonas was dispatched to Lot 5 in reference to a vehicle fire. Upon arrival, Reonas observed a vehicle fully engulfed in flames. The fire department responded and extinguished the blaze. Contact was made with the owner of the vehicle who stated he had not smoked in or had any problems with the vehicle. He said he had parked the vehicle there at approximately 6 p.m. Fire inspector Greg Hood took pictures and advised he thought it may have been a short in the electrical system.



TRASHED

According to a Public Safety report, on Nov. 22 at approximately 12:11 a.m. officer Jamaal Hicks was dispatched to Lot 4 in reference to a student passed out. Contact was made with the female, who was unresponsive due to alcoholic consumption. Hicks and Sgt. Jeff Miller carried her to a bench to wait for EMS to respond. She was transported to Oconee Regional Medical Center for treatment. In lieu of arrest, she has been turned over to the student Judicial Board.

BUCKLE UP

According to a Public Safety report, on Nov. 20 at approximately 9:51 a.m. Sgt. Brian English observed a vehicle on Clarke Street with the driver not wearing his seat belt. A traffic stop was conducted and contact made with the male driver. A background check found that he had an outstanding warrant through Baldwin County. The warrant was verified, and he was arrested and transported to the Baldwin County Sheriff’s Office. He also was issued a citation for seatbelt violation. The vehicle was towed from the scene.

Information based upon a submission to The Colonnade by Public Safety.

GCSU Final Exam Schedule		
Class meeting time	Exam time	Exam date
7 - 8:15 p.m. MW	7 - 9:45 p.m.	Mon, Dec 7
8 - 9:15 a.m. TR	8 -10:45 a.m.	Tue, Dec
11 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. TR	11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m	Tue, Dec 8
3:30 - 4:45 p.m. TR	2 - 4:45 p.m.	Tue, Dec 8
5:30 - 6:45 p.m. TR	5:30 - 8:15 p.m.	Tue, Dec 8
8:30 - 9:45 p.m. TR	8:30 - 11:15 p.m.	Tue, Dec 8
9 - 9:50 a.m. MWF, 9:30 - 10:45 a.m. MW, 9 - 11:45 a.m. F	8 - 10:45 a.m.	Wed, Dec 9
11 - 11:50 a.m. MWF, 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. MW	11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Wed, Dec 9
2 - 4:45 p.m. F, 4 - 4:50 p.m. MWF	2 - 4:45 p.m.	Wed, Dec 9
5:30 - 6:45 p.m. MW	5:30 - 8:15 p.m.	Wed, Dec 9
8:30 - 9:45 p.m. MW	8:30 - 11:15 p.m.	Wed, Dec 9
9:30 - 10:45 a.m. TR	8 - 10:45 a.m.	Thu, Dec 10
12:30 - 1:45 p.m. TR	11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Thu, Dec 10
2 - 3:15 p.m. TR	2 - 4:45 p.m.	Thu, Dec 10
7 - 8:15 p.m. TR	7 - 9:45 p.m.	Thu, Dec 10
8 - 8:50 a.m. MWF, 8 - 9:15 a.m. MW	8 - 10:45 a.m.	Fri, Dec 11
10 - 10:50 a.m. MWF	11 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Fri, Dec 11
2 - 2:50 p.m. MWF, 2 - 3:15 p.m. MW	2 - 4:45 a.m.	Fri, Dec 11
3 - 3:50 p.m. MWF, 3:30 - 4:45 p.m. MW	5:30 - 8:15 p.m.	Fri, Dec 11

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Friday, Dec. 4- Monday, Jan. 11

Friday, Dec. 4

8 p.m. Directing Projects - Max Noah Recital Hall

Saturday, Dec. 5

6 - 8 p.m. Candlelight Holiday Mansion tours - Old Governor’s Mansion

Sunday, Dec. 6

6 p.m. Kwanzaa Celebration - Magnolia Ballroom

Monday, Dec. 7

Last day of regular class

Tuesday, Dec. 8

Finals begin

Friday, Dec. 11

7:30 p.m. An American Christmas with the Max Noah Singers - The Plaza Arts Center, 305 N. Madison Ave, Eatonton, GA

8:15 p.m. End of fall semester

Monday, Jan. 11

Spring semester classes begin

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No. 21 Bobcats still perfect

Men's hoops at 4-0, climbing national rankings after road wins



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior guard Graham Martin drives for a layup against West Georgia during the Bobcats' 80-76 win Nov. 21.

BY SAM HUNT
STAFF REPORTER

The GCSU men's basketball team has climbed to No. 21 in the national rankings after four straight wins to start the season.

The Bobcats went to 4-0 in Tennessee this past Saturday as they defeated Tusculum College in the Dick Campbell Memorial Classic at Carson-Newman College.

The lead changed hands continuously throughout the first half, and ended with the Bobcats leading 33-31.

The squad's shooting average for the first half was 52 percent on field goals, 33.3 percent on 3-point field goals and 62.5 percent on free throws.

In the second half, both teams remained aggressive and continued to battle back and forth. With 15:40 remaining in the game, the Pioneers hit a three to earn the lead over the Bobcats, 41-39.

Shortly after, senior guard Graham Martin was fouled and was able to make both free throws to tie the game. The Bobcats were then able to take the lead when junior forward Josh Hurst recovered a rebound and nailed a 3-pointer to set the score at 44-41.

From there, GCSU ran away in the remainder of the game for a 76-59 victory.

This past Friday, the Bobcats faced Carson-Newman College in Tennessee.

GCSU struck first and controlled the pace of the first half to lead the Eagles 43-33 at halftime.

The Bobcats kept Carson-Newman at arm's length for the entire second half and defeated the Eagles 82-70 to go to 3-0.

The leading scorer for GCSU was senior point guard Ty Rowland, who scored 19 points for the Bobcats. Jake Rios added 14 points for the Bobcats.

The team looks to improve on their 4-0 record this Thursday at home against Carver Bible College at 7:30 p.m.

"We've got to do a better job of playing defense," head coach Terry Sellers said. "We're going to get back in here and continue to work and try to improve on all phases of the game."

The Bobcats' were at home Nov. 21 to face the University of West Georgia College.

GCSU jumped on the Wolves early and controlled the first half. The Bobcats secured an 11-point lead over the Wolves when senior guard Jake Rios scored a layup with less than two seconds left on the clock in the first half, setting the score at 44-33 in favor of the Bobcats.

The Bobcats shooting average for the first half was 50 percent for field goals, 53.3 percent for 3-pointers and 40 percent for free throws.

However, West Georgia clawed back

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THE SIDE LINE



BY PRESTON SELLERS
SPORTS EDITOR

Strange. That's the only word I can use to describe Georgia Tech's regular season-ending loss to Georgia in the annual "Clean, old-fashioned hate" rivalry.

Calm down, Bulldog fans, not because I think Tech is a lot better than UGA. In fact, I think the teams are very even in the talent department, as evidenced by the six-point difference in the final score, and the fact that Tech was driving for a possible game-winning score that wasn't to be.

Two things happened in this game that hadn't happened much, if at all, this season. Paul Johnson was outcoached, and Mark Richt outcoached his opponent. The Bulldogs had the perfect game plan to shut down Tech, and managed to execute it well, much to the surprise of most everyone watching. Richt knew that his team could not trade touchdowns and get into a shootout with the Yellow Jackets, and his defense could not be depended on to win the game.

UGA ran the ball right at Tech's defense, and controlled the clock, taking the game out of much-maligned quarterback Joe Cox's hands. Tech wins games because it keeps possession and is extremely efficient and dangerous on offense. UGA simply didn't give them enough chances to score, and in a case of role reversal, the Bulldogs were the efficient offensive team.

Paul Johnson uncharacteristically threw on four straight downs on the final drive, going away from the second-best rushing attack in the country to air it out, a move that is certainly being scrutinized by Tech fans everywhere.

However it happened, the loss was crushing for Yellow Jacket supporters. This was supposed to be the year of a new streak over their in-state rivals, but instead UGA has taken eight of nine in the series in a most unexpected way. Johnson may have somehow overlooked the Bulldogs this year, but in this rivalry, rankings and previous success mean nothing.

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Women's hoops pushes record to 4-2

Five games, five practices, two shoot-around sessions, and 1,436 miles traveled.

That has been the GCSU women's basketball team's path the last 11 days.

The Bobcats (4-2) responded by going 3-2 in the span, most recently defeating NAIA Edward Waters College Tigers (3-6) this past Tuesday night, 87-73, at the Centennial Center.

The Bobcats' other two victories came against Barry University and Tusculum College, while falling to Nova Southeastern University and Carson-Newman College, all on the road.

Although the Bobcats had a winning record in the five games, head coach John Carrick was disturbed by the performance showed by his team (against Edward Waters).

"I'm most disappointed in the fundamentals," Carrick said. "We've played some good

teams over the past week or so, but there is no excuse for the amount of turnovers we committed."

Twenty-three of those turnovers came against Edward Waters, most of which were unforced.

GCSU also shot poorly from the field in that game, shooting under 40 percent overall. The Bobcats seemingly couldn't buy a 3-pointer, hitting 5 of 29 at 17.2 percent.

"We have to shoot the ball better in our home gym," Carrick said.

Despite struggling from beyond the arc, the Bobcats were able to pound the ball inside for most of the game. The Bobcats outscored the Tigers 38-26 in the paint and 30-16 on second-chance opportunities.

Helping that cause was senior forward Antoinette Reames, who recorded her second straight double-double with 16 points and 12

rebounds.

Reames said the team needs to focus on being more vigorous when coming to play.

"We have to keep our energy level up throughout the whole game," Reames said. "If we bring energy to the court, we will be successful."

GCSU led 41-29 at the break and came out firing on all cylinders in the second period, leading by as many as 23. Junior guard Dominique Huffin helped the run by crashing the boards.

Huffin contributed with seven rebounds, five of which were on the offensive glass, to go along with her 14 points.

"I knew someone had to pick up the intensity and we needed energy," Huffin said. "I just try to play to the best of my ability and

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Reames aims to inspire fellow athletes with mural

BY KARA TERESI
STAFF WRITER

In the downstairs hallway of the Centennial Center, the GCSU women's basketball players get ready to face their opponents. The players exit the locker room and always pass by the same wall leading out to the main court. This wall is not like any other wall in the building, because this wall is covered in paint from top to bottom, in a mural created by senior art student, and basketball player, Antoinette Reames.

"I had to design a mural for my Painting 4 class last spring, and I had this idea of 'athletes in motion,'" Reames said. "I talked with my coach and our athletic director and they approved it so I began working on the mural last May."

For four last May, three days a week, she worked on the mural, finishing it in a month.

"I wanted the mural to motivate and inspire all athletes that walked by it. In basket-

ball, you have those glory moments like dunking the ball, but you also have those times when you don't succeed like you had hoped," Reames said. "I was compelled to show both these emotions in the mural itself."

The mural contains two images of real people, including Kool, a janitor at GCSU, and Jaiden, the oldest daughter of the GCSU assistant women's basketball coach, Maurice Smith.

"Both Kool and Jaiden represent the No. 1 Bobcat fan at GCSU," Reames said.

Her teammate, senior point guard Shandrea Moore, said that Reames' mural shows her passion for the game.

"She has a unique artistic ability, she is always drawing something and bringing it into our locker room to show the team," Moore said.

Reames grew up in Orlando, Fla., and began playing basketball at age 7.

"My mom played basketball in high school, and she taught me and my sister, Ash-

ley, to play right handed, but I'm actually a natural lefty with the ball," Reames said.

At age 11 she had discovered her passion for art and her desire to become an artist.

"I was sitting on a bus and this high school guy started drawing a picture of me," Reames said. "He showed it to me when he was done and it inspired me to start drawing myself."

Just a short time later, her life would drastically change, as she and her sister were placed into foster care. Her mother, Willete Reames, was struggling with a drug addiction and her father, Anthony Nixon, was never around.

"Our mom was in our lives, but never as the actual 'mom' role," Reames said. "We forgave her and our father, and I still speak to them on a regular basis, but home for me was being with my sister and us making it on our own."

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KARA TERESI / STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Senior basketball player Antoinette Reames poses in front of the mural she painted in the Centennial Center earlier this year.

THE SHORT STOP



Upcoming Sports

Basketball (M):
Dec. 7 7 p.m. @Fort Valley St.

Basketball (W):
Dec. 5 6 p.m. @ Lenoir-Rhyne

Quote of the Week

"I will strive to be a better person and the husband and father that my family deserves. For all of those who have supported me over the years, I offer my profound apology."

— Tiger Woods, regarding his recent saga involving an alleged affair and a late-night car crash in which domestic violence was suspected to be involved (ESPN.com).

Stat of the Week

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Yards thrown for on perfect 10/10 first down passes by Drew Brees this past Monday night in the Saints' 38-17 victory over the Patriots.

Intramural Notebook

By Caleb Rule, Staff Reporter

Season wrap up

A semester feels like an eternity at this stage in life. Of course, the first day of class feels like it happened yesterday, too. That’s the life we embrace as college students.

Not as an athlete. Intramurals is always different.

A painful loss stands out in the memory bank. So does an epic win. It’s something that sticks, at least until it can be written-over next season. For instance, I can picture losing in the first round of the flag football playoffs by one; the opposition scored a touchdown with 13 seconds left to tie and split our safeties for the clinching point.

Let’s take a look at what happened this season.

There was a saga regarding the status of the intramural fields; they’ve been slowly falling apart, and when it rains, there’s almost no hope of playing. When Bert Rosenberger, director of intramurals and recreation, first spoke of the possibility that the Student Government Association was checking into backing a plan to renovate some of the fields, the hope in his voice was evident.

GCSU is hosting the state softball tournament this year, but the condition of the fields made the choice clear: It will be held at Walter B. Williams Park, not on the fields at West Campus. Rosenberger was hopeful that wouldn’t happen again.

SGA took steps to give the fields new life, and the result is a \$20,000 allocation that will give new dirt to the infields, and allow it to be laser-graded for perfection. In other words, when softball season starts, the sandy puddles will be a memory, replaced by a smooth playing surface. The latest update is that everything is on schedule and developers have been seen taking measurements of the fields.

“This year has gone very well so far,” assistant program director Chris Russell said. “Our information was switched to a new system (imleagues.com), and it’s starting to become everything we

had hoped in terms of information. In addition, the new playoff system has received positive feedback, and we’re thrilled to have the field renovations that will occur over the winter break.”

Flag football brought the first big change in intramural policy: A new playoff system that allowed everyone to have a shot at the championship, provided their sportsmanship rating was high enough. This created a two-week-long story wrought with upsets and more drama than a high school prom.

In Men’s B-league action, three lower-seeded teams scored an upset in the first round, but five other games were decided by seven points or less. Other leagues saw similar results; much like the NCAA basketball tournament, the first-round excitement was lively and full of drama, while the favorites still made their way to titles in hard-fought battles.

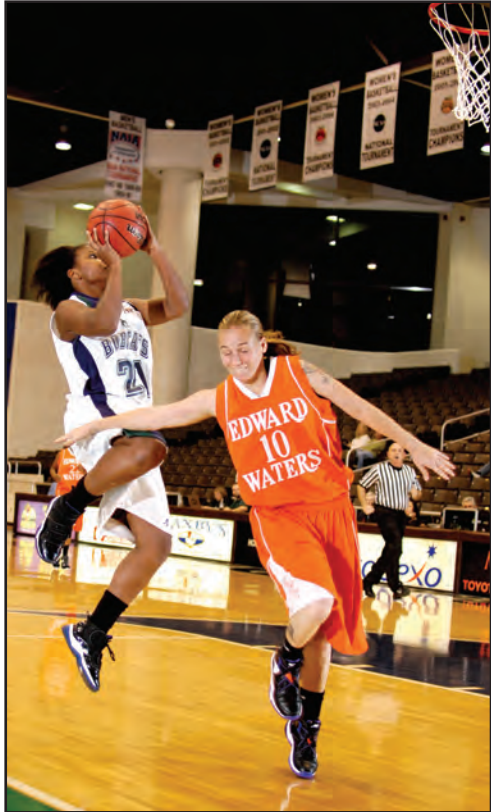
Those who saw championship games were treated to free T-shirts and hot dogs, with games on the soccer fields and bleachers for seating. On the field or the sidelines, the experience was taken up a notch this season.

For Ultimate Frisbee and soccer season, the biggest obstacle was the weather, which constantly kept field conditions ... well, entertaining ... and teams on their toes keeping up with forced re-schedulings.

For soccer fans, the season got off to a rough start, as a snafu with the company that ships soccer equipment caused plenty of 0-0 ties in the first couple of nights, thanks to smaller-than-normal goals. However, the decision was quickly made to go back to the old ones, and the expected rise in scoring came with the change.

“Next semester, we have a few new ideas for basketball season, and it’ll be fun to see how the new infields we have play out for intramural softball,” Russell said. “So far, it’s been a great year, and we’re excited to see what the new year brings us.”

Layout by Matt Chambers



MICHAEL FORSYTH / SENIOR PHOTOGRAPHER
Junior forward Deja Montgomery goes up for two against an Edward Waters defender during the Bobcats' 87-73 victory this past Tuesday night in the Centennial Center.

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help the team win.”

GCSU allowed the Tigers to claw back within 10 points in the second stanza. The Bobcats, though, were able to sustain the run by Edward-Waters by forcing 34 Tiger turnovers and converting those to 42 points.

Junior guard Chimere Jordan led all scorers for GCSU with 17, while senior guard Candice Clark chipped in with 10.

Carrick said in spite of the mistakes, the team has performed well over the five game period.

“We have played team basketball over the last five games,” said Carrick. “We have to shoot better and work on the fundamentals to improve.”

GCSU will travel to Lenoir-Rhyne University this Saturday in Hickory, N.C. The Bobcats previously defeated the Bears at home this season in the team’s first game, 68-67, on Jordan’s game-winning three at the buzzer.

“If we start slow against Lenoir-Rhyne then they will run us out of the building,” Huffin said. “We have to play aggressive, come prepared, and be ready to play.”

Men’s hoops

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in the second half, and with less than two minutes remaining, the Wolves took the lead for the first time in the game when they hit a 3-pointer to lead the Bobcats 76-74.

With just 40 seconds remaining, GCSU secured the lead once more when Martin made a jumper to set the score at 78-76.

Rowland was fouled and drained both of his free throws with under 10 seconds

to play to secure an 80-76 Bobcat victory.

The high scorer for the Bobcats was Rios, with 24 points on eight field goals, including six 3-pointers and a pair of free throws.

“I think we should have blown them out,” Rios said. “It was better towards the last couple minutes, but we’re still not there yet.”

Junior forward Reece Wiedeman seconded Rios’ effort by tacking on 14 points for the Bobcats.

“We got stops when we needed to at the end,” Wiedeman said. “We played good defense and hit some big shots.”

Reames

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The sisters, having only each other, hoped that they would not be separated in foster care. Fortunately, the sisters remained together and moved from family to family. The first foster home they stayed in was with 11 children all living under the same roof.

Eventually, the sisters moved in with an aunt who encouraged them to play basketball at the local community center over the summer. The following fall, Antoinette made the varsity high school basketball team as a freshman.

“Basketball became the one thing that I could focus on to get away from everything,” Reames said.

In eleventh grade, she and her sister went to live with Kathleen Newton. They had played basketball with Newton’s daughter, Anastasia, and Newton offered to take them into her home after learning about their foster care situation.

The day would finally arrive when the sisters had to separate for the first time.

Antoinette was offered a scholarship to play basketball at the University of North Florida (UNF) while her sister headed to Chicago to play basketball for Robert Morris University.

After playing two years at UNF and being red shirted her sophomore year due to a torn ACL, Reames found her way to GCSU.

“After recovering from my injury, I was replaced by another post player, and so I asked my coach to release me to play elsewhere,” Reames said.

GCSU head women’s basketball coach John Carrick was ready for Reames and seized the opportunity to bring her to Milledgeville to play.

“After the head coach at UNF agreed

Antoinette Reames bio:

Age: 22

Birthday: March 25, 1987

Height: 6-2

Favorite artist: Kindsnsky

Interesting Fact: Never had an organized art class until she got to college

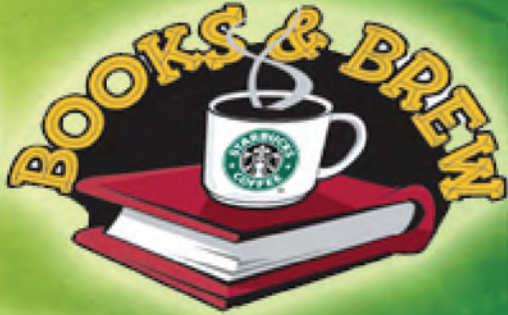
Favorite music artist: Tamia

Art she is most proud of: Comic strip she has been working on for a year.
Reames: “It’s just my sister and me in everyday life and all we went through together.”

to release Antoinette, I brought her up on a visit the summer before last year and she was real interested. She went back and told her teammate, Shandrea Moore, about transferring to GCSU. It was great for me as a coach because I ended up picking up both a post player and a point guard! They came together to play that fall,” Carrick said. “Antoinette is a hard-working young lady and I am proud of her maturity as a college senior and even when she arrived as a junior.”

Reames sees herself living in Atlanta after graduation, working as a layout artist for a magazine as well as selling her own artwork. While her senior basketball season will come to an end, and her last semester of college will be over, she will have left behind her legacy, the mural, for future GCSU athletes to discover and to be inspired by.

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